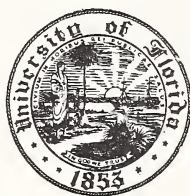





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*Thos Cowdin*



THE OLD RECORDS

OF THE

1823-3

TOWN OF FITCHBURGH

MASSACHUSETTS

1764—1789

A COMPLETE TRANSCRIPT OF THE TOWN MEETINGS AND SELECT-  
MEN'S RECORDS CONTAINED IN THE FIRST THREE HUNDRED  
AND TWENTY-FOUR PAGES OF THE FIRST VOLUME OF  
THE OLD RECORDS OF THE TOWN, BEING

VOLUME ONE

OF THE PRINTED RECORDS OF THE TOWN

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COMPILED BY

WALTER A. DAVIS, CITY CLERK

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## CITY OF FITCHBURG, MASS.

IN CITY COUNCIL, Feb. 16, 1897.

The joint standing committee on finance, to which was referred the recommendation in the Mayor's inaugural relating to copying the old town records, recommend the adoption of the following order:

ORDERED, That the sum of eight hundred dollars (\$800) be, and the same is, hereby appropriated for the purpose of copying and printing the original town records from 1764; said sum to be charged to incidental account.

HENRY F. ROCKWELL,	} Committee on Finance.
E. F. BELDING,	
A. A. TRAIN,	
J. E. DEMPSEY,	

IN BOARD OF ALDERMEN, Feb. 16, 1897.

Report read, accepted, and order adopted. Sent down for concurrence.

WALTER A. DAVIS, *Clerk.*

IN COMMON COUNCIL, Feb. 16, 1897.

Read, accepted, and order adopted. In concurrence.

FRED A. TOLMAN, *Clerk.*

MAYOR'S OFFICE, FITCHBURG, MASS., Feb. 17, 1897.

Approved.

HENRY F. ROCKWELL, *Mayor.*

A true copy. Attest:

WALTER A. DAVIS, *City Clerk.*

Compliments of

Walter A. Davis.

City Clerk.





## INTRODUCTION.

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CITY CLERK'S OFFICE,

FITCHBURG, MASS., August 31, 1898.

This volume contains an exact transcript of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburgh for the first twenty-five years. It begins with the act of incorporation, February 3, 1764, and extends to March 2, 1789.

The printer's copy has been carefully prepared by Mrs. Fannie B. Davis, Miss Edith L. Davis and Miss Lucy A. Hayward. The manuscript being old and discolored, and written by so many different clerks, the task of copying it is not the easiest thing imaginable.

To give our readers an idea of the original book, I had Mr. J. C. Moulton photograph some of the pages, from which plates were made by the Heliotype Engraving Company of Boston, Mass.

I am also very much indebted to Mr. J. F. D. Garfield, Secretary of the Fitchburg Historical Society, for many suggestions and much valuable assistance. He furnished the pictures of Thomas Cowdin and wife, and Joseph Fox, whose likenesses appear in the book. It was thought that, as Mr. Cowdin and Mr. Fox were such prominent men in the early town affairs, it would be very proper that their pictures should appear in this volume. An attempt was made by Mr. Garfield to obtain from the Massachusetts Archives in the State House, Boston, copies of the petitions referred to in Article 2, Page (277); Articles 6, 7 and 8, Page (285), and Articles 10 and 11, Page (287), under date of October 3, 1786. This he was unable to do, but he did discover some interesting petitions which he copied, and they are reproduced as an appendix in this book.

The work of printing the book has been executed by the Sentinel Printing Company of this city, with commendable zeal and care. The excellent typographical appearance of these pages is due to the skill and painstaking efforts of the members of this printing establishment, who have suggested freely of their knowledge during the progress of the work. The index has been prepared under the immediate supervision of Frank C. Hoyt, foreman in the printing office, to whom I am indebted for many valuable suggestions.

The figures at the top of the pages indicate the paging of the transcript. The heavy figures enclosed in brackets represent the paging of the original book.

It is hoped that a perusal of the book will prove interesting, not alone to students of history, but to all persons who may wish to acquaint themselves with the conditions and misfortunes which surrounded our ancestors just previous to and following the Revolutionary war.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WORCESTER SS.

FITCHBURG, August 31, 1898.

I, WALTER A. DAVIS, City Clerk of the City of Fitchburg, hereby certify that the following, beginning with page 5, and ending with page 324, is a true and correct copy of so much of the Old Records of the Town of Fitchburgh as are contained in Volume 1, from February 3, 1764, to March 2, 1789, except that the title, paging, explanatory marks and notes have been added in the present volume.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter A. Davis." The signature is fluid and elegant, with the first and last names being larger and more prominent than the middle initial.

*City Clerk.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me.

[Seal.]

HARRISON BAILEY, *Notary Public.*







Anno Regni Regis Georgii Tertii Quarto

An act for setting off the Inhabitances as also the Estates of the  
Westerly part of Lunenburg into a Seperate Town by the Name  
of Fitchburg

Be it Enacted by the Governor Council & house of Representatives  
that the Inhabitants with their Land on the Westerly part of  
Lunenburg beginning at such a place on ~~Lunenburg~~ Leconett  
Line as that a straight Line therefrom may Run between the  
Lands of Mops as Paul Wetherby and Jonathan Wood to a Stake &  
thence a small Distance to the Westward of Mary Holt's house then  
Turning and Running North 10 Degrees & a half East to the Southern  
corner of Ephraim Whitneys Land then to keep the Easterly  
Line of said Whitneys Land to the Northeast corner thereof &  
and from that corner to Run Northwardly on the Easterly  
Line of John Whites Land to the Northeastwardly corner thereof  
and from that corner to Run North four Degrees East to Townland  
Line then Running West thirty one Deg & one half North on  
Townland Line to Dorchester Corners Line then Turning four  
thirty Deg West Eight miles and an Hundred and forty Rod  
on Dorchester Corners Line to Westminster Line then Turning East  
Eleven Deg thirty minutes South three miles and thirty one Rod  
to a heap of Stones in Lemington Line then Turning and Running  
to the Bounds first mentioned be and hereby is set off and Erected  
into a Seperate Town by the name of Fitchburg and that the  
said Town be Invested with all the Powers Privileges and Immu-  
nities that other Towns in this Province do or may by Law  
enjoy that of sending a Representative to the General  
assembly only Excepted and that the Inhabitants of said Town  
shall have full power and Right from Time to Time to meet  
with the said Town of Lunenburg in the choice of a Representative  
or Representatives and be Subject to pay their proportionable  
part of the Charges who may be Chosen either in the Town of  
Lunenburg or Town of Fitchburg for which Charge they  
shall Enjoy all the Privileges which by Law they do

# THE OLD RECORDS

## OF THE

### TOWN OF FITCHBURGH.

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[5] Anno Regni Regis Georgii Tertie Quarto

An act for Setting off the Inhabitation as also the Estates of the Westerly part of Lunenburg Into a Seperate Town by the Name of fitchburgh . . . . .

Be it Enacted by the Governar Councill & house of Representatives that the Inhabitants with their Lands on the Westerly part of Lunenburg beginning at Such a place on Leominster Line as that a Straight Line therefrom may Run between the Lands of Mefs<sup>as</sup> Paul Wetherby and Jonathan Wood to a Stake & Stone a Small Distance to the Westward of Mary Holts house then Turning and Runing North 10 Degres & a half East to the Southeast Corner of Ephraim Whitneys Land then to Keep the Easterly Line of Said Whitneys Land to the Northeast Corner thereof & and from that Corner to Run Northwardly on the Eastwardly Line of John Whites Land to the Northeastwardly corner thereof and from that Corner to Run North four Degres East to Townshand Line then Running West thirty one Deg<sup>r</sup> & an half North on Townshand Line to Dorchester Cannada Line Then Turning south Nine Deg<sup>r</sup> West Eight miles and an Hundred and fourty Rods on Dorchester Cannada Line to Westminster Line then Turning East Eleven Deg<sup>r</sup> thirty minutes South three miles and thirty one Rod to a heap of Stones in Leminster Line then Turning and Runing to the Bounds first mentned be and herby is set off and Erected Into a Seperate Town by the name of Fitch-

burgh and that the Said Town be Invested with all the Powers Privileges and Immunities that other Towns in this Province do or may by Law enjoy that of sending a Representative to the General assembly only Excepted and that the Inhabitants of Said Town shall have full power and Right from Time to Time to Joyn with the Said Town of Lunenburg in the Choise of a Representative or Representatives and be Subject to pay their proportionable part of the Charges who may be Chosen Either in the Town of Lunenburgh or Town of fitchburgh In which Choise they shall Enjoy all the Priviledges which by Law they would [6] have been Intitled to if this act had not bin made and the Select men of the Town of Lunenburg shall Issue their Warrant to one or more of the Conftables of the Town of fitchburgh Requireng them to Notifie the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh of the Time and place of their meting for Such Coise . . .

Provided Nevertheles and be it further Enacted that the said Town of fitchburgh shall pay their proportion of all Town County and province Taxes already set on or Granted to be Raised by said Town of Lunenburg as if this act had not been made. . . . .

And be it further Enacted that Edward Hartwell Esqr be and herby is Impowerd to Issue his Warrant Directed to Som principal Inhabitant in Said Town of fitchburgh Requiring him to Notifie and warn the Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affaiers to meet at Such Time and place as Shall be therein Set forth to Chuse all Such officers as Shall be Necessary to manage the affairs of Said Town . . . . .

february 2<sup>d</sup> 1764 this bill haveing been Read three feveral Times in the House of Representatives Pafsed to be Enacted

Timothy Ruggles Speaker

febuery 3<sup>d</sup> 1764 this Bill haveing been Read three feveral Times in Councill pafs<sup>d</sup> to be Enacted

A Oliver Secry

february 3<sup>d</sup> 1764 by the Governor I Consent to Enacting this Bill . . . . . Fra Barnard



A True Copy Exa<sup>d</sup> pr Jn<sup>o</sup> Cotton  
D Secry

A True Copy . . Ephraim Whitney Town Clerk

Worcester fs To m<sup>r</sup> Amos Kimball of the Town of  
Fitchburgh in the County of Worcester Gentleman Greeting

Whereas I am ordered by the Grate and General  
Court to Issue [7] my Warrant Directed to Some principal  
Inhabitant of Said Town Requireing him to Warn  
the Inhabitants of Said Town Qualified to Vote in Town  
affaiers to assemble at some suitable place in said Town  
to Chooße all Necessary officers to manag the affaiers of  
said Town . . . . .

(seal) These are therefore In his Majestes name to  
Require you the Said Amos Kimball forthwith to Notife  
and warn the Inhabatants of Said Town Qualified by  
Law to Vote in Town affaiers to assemble at Capt Samuel  
Hunts new Dwelling house in Said Town one monday  
the fifth Day of march at Ten of the Clock in the fore-  
noon then & their being Duely assembled to act on the  
Sevral articles hereafter mentioned that is . . .

first to Chuse a moderator for the Goverment of said  
meting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a Clark to Enter and Record all Votes  
& orders.

3<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse Select men and all other town officers  
for the year Insuing as the Law Directs . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to agree and Vote what Day in the month of  
march the anual Town meting shall be for the futter . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to agree and Vote how and in what maner the  
Town metings shall be warned for the future

here of fail not and make Due Return

Given under my hand and Seale at Lunenburg this fif-  
teenth Day of febuery in the forth year of his majests  
Reign Anno que Domini 1764.

Edward Hartwell Justis of pefe

Worcester fs. Fitchburgh march the 1 1764 . . . . .

In obedience to the Within precept I have Notified the  
Inhabitants Within mentoned to asemble & meet at time

& place Within mentioned for the purposes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the within Instrument  
pr Amos Kimball

at a Legal meeting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in Town [8] affairs on monday the fifth Day of march A D 1764 at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Sumuel Hunts in Said fitchburgh . . .

The Town being assembled . . . . Voted & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Amos Kimball moderator &

2<sup>ly</sup> Chose Ephraim Whitney Town Clark . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Chose Mefs<sup>rs</sup> . . . . { Amos Kimball  
David Goodridge  
Samuel Hunt  
Ephraim Whitney  
Ruben Gibson  
Select men for fitchbrg

4<sup>ly</sup> Chose m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Kimball Town Treasurer . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Chose Mefs<sup>rs</sup> John White & Thos Dutton Wardens

6<sup>ly</sup> Chose m<sup>r</sup> John White Conftable . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Chose Mefs<sup>rs</sup> . . { John fitch  
Ebenezer Bridge  
Phinehas Steward  
Kindal Boutall  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Dutton  
Survayors of high ways

8<sup>ly</sup> Chose Mefs<sup>rs</sup> James Pool & Joseph Spafford Tything man

9<sup>ly</sup> Chose Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Soloman Steward & Ifaac Gibson fence veivers

10<sup>ly</sup> Chose m<sup>r</sup> Soloman Steward Serveyor of Shingles & Clabords

11<sup>ly</sup> Chose m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Wood a Culler of hoops & ftaves

12<sup>ly</sup> Chose m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Steward & Tho<sup>s</sup> Gary Hogg-reaves

13<sup>ly</sup> Chose Mefs<sup>rs</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Chadwick & Silos Snow Deer Reavs

14<sup>ly</sup> Chose m<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Steward Sealer of Leather

15<sup>ly</sup> Chose mefs<sup>rs</sup> Ezra Whitney & Hezekiah Hodgkins fierwards

16<sup>ly</sup> Chose m<sup>r</sup> David Goodridge a Seveiar of Wheat

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted the annual metting be for the future on the first mondy of march

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Conftable or Conftabls for faid Town for the future Warn all Town meetings

Amos Kimball moderator

[9] Fitchburgh march the 5 1764 The Several perfons afore mentioned who ware chofen by the Town of fitchburgh to the Several offices afor<sup>d</sup> appeared and took the oaths by Law Requird to Enable them to Execute the Several bufinesses of their Respective offices after having first Taken the oath Respecting the Receiveing & pafsing the bills of Credit of the Neighbouring Goverments . . Sworn befor us . . . .

Amos Kimball	}	Select men of the Town of fitchburgh
David Goodridge		
Epr <sup>m</sup> Whitney		
Ruben Gibfon		

Worcester fs To m<sup>r</sup> John White Conftable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of worcester Greeting . .

(feal) These are In his majefts name to Require you the faid John White forthwith to Notifie and warn the Inhabitants of faid Town Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to afsemble & meet at Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Hunts new Dwelling house in faid Town on mondy the 26 day of march Instant at twelve of the Clock at noon then and there being Duly met and formed to act on the folowing articles hereafter mentioned that is first to Chufe a moderator for the Goverment of faid meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to fee what method the Town will Come into for the mending of high ways for the year Ensuing and to Raife money for the fame if they think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to fee if the Town will measure to find the Centre of faid Town and to Chufe a Commite for the fame and to Give them Such Instructons as they fhall think proper.

4<sup>ly</sup> to hear the accounts of the Committee that has been Impleyd for for Gitting the Town of Fitchburgh & for having the fame Incorporated and to see if the Town will Vote money for paying the fame

5<sup>ly</sup> to Vote any sum or sums of money for Defraing of Necifary Charges in said Town as they shall think proper . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Hoggs Shall Run at Large for the present year

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warant to one of us at or befor the Day of said meting Given under our hands & seal at fitchburgh this Twelfth Day of march in fourth year of his majests Reign A D 1764

Samuel Hunt	} Select men of fitchburgh
David Goodridge	
Ephraim White	
Ruben Gibson	

[10] Worcest<sup>r</sup> is fitchburgh March the 24 1764

In obedience to the Within Written Instrumnt I have Warnd the Inhabitants Within mentioned to assemble and meet at Time & place Within mentioned for the purposes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the Within Instrumnt

pr John White Constable

At a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duly Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings at the new Dwelling house of Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Hunts in <sup>sd</sup> fitchburgh on monday the 26 Day of march 1764 The Town being met Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> David Goodridge moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raife forty pounds by a Rate on the Inhabitants &c to mend High ways and that Each of the Inhabitants who work at the ways be allowed four pence pr Hour and one Shiling & four pence pr Day be allowed for a yoak oxen for a Cart & plough 8 pence per Day Each . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Kendall Boutall Ruben Gibson & Jonathan Wood be a Committee to provide a Surveyor and with his asistance find the Center of the Town . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Amos Kimball Layed his accounts for Servise Done the Town in procureing the Enorporation of the Town & some other articles and Voted by the Town to pay him thirteen pounds & nine pence in Discharge of his account

4<sup>ly</sup> Capt Samuel Hunt Laid his account befor the Town & Voted by them to pay him Eight Shilings & Eight pence in Discharge of the Same . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay m<sup>r</sup> John fitch one pound two shilings & five pence to Discharge his account . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay Ephriam Whitney one pound one shiling & four pence in Discharge of his account . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Wood fifteen shilings in Discharge of his account

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Inhabitants be Taxd for the same sums Which shall be Collected according to Law . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Eight pounds be Raised by Tax on the Inhabitants to Defray Contingent Charges that may arise

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Hoggs may Run at Large the present year

pr David Goodridge moderater.

[11] Worcest<sup>r</sup> sh fitchburg Sept<sup>r</sup> the 12 1764

In obiance to the Within Written Instrment I have Warned the Inhabitants Within mentined to asemble and meet at Time & place within mentioned for the purposes within mentioned according to the Tenor of the Within instrment

p<sup>r</sup> John White Constable

at a Legal meeting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings at the new Dwelling House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins In f<sup>d</sup> fitchburgh on Wenfday the twelf Day of Sepem<sup>b</sup>r 1764 The Town being meet Voted & Chose Amos Kimball moderater . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that there be two Scools in f<sup>d</sup> Town & that m<sup>r</sup> John fitch & Kindal Boutwell & their neighbors shall have the benifitt of their scoole money in order to provide schooling amonge them selves . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Eight pounds be Raised in order to provide a scoole master in f<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted Amos Kimball Ephr<sup>m</sup> Whitney & Tho<sup>s</sup> Dutton be a Scoole Comite . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Amos Kimball Ephr<sup>m</sup> Kimball & Tho<sup>s</sup> Dutton be a commite to provide a Bueering yard in f<sup>d</sup> Town . . .



\*6<sup>ly</sup> that two miels on the Westerdly Line begining at the northwesterdly Corner and Half a mile on the Easterdly Line Begining at the north Easterly Corner on Townsland Line there Runing a Straite Line from Corner to Corner be Sott off to mr John fitch & others in order for them to Joyn a part of Townsland & a part of Dorchester Canady in order to make a Town or parish among them felvs and that the <sup>rd</sup> John fitch & others be freed from paying aney thing to the Setteltment of a minifter or for Bulding a meeting House in <sup>rd</sup> Town of fitchburgh . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Ruben Gibson Laid his acount before the Town and Voted by them to pay him fix shilings . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Ifaac Gibson Laid his a Count befor the Town & Voted by them to pay him fix shilings . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted that fix pounds be Raifed by a tax on the Inhabitents to Defray Contingent Charges that may a Rife in <sup>rd</sup> Town

at a Leagual meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualafied by Law to Vote [12] in Town Meetings at the House Capt Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins in <sup>rd</sup> fitchburgh on monday the twenty second Day of octobr 1764

first Voted & Chose Ifaac Gibson moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Joyn Groton & others in potifoning the Grat & General Coart for a new County . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose David Goodridge Amos Kimball & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin a Comittee to Confer with the Committee of Lunenburg Chosen by <sup>rd</sup> Lunenburg to manige the afair of <sup>rd</sup> County . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the forth artical in <sup>rd</sup> meting fould be pafst over . . . . .

(feal) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs to m<sup>r</sup> John White Conftable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worcest<sup>r</sup> Greeting . . . . .

These are therefore in his majestis name to Requier you

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\*Ashby. [Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]

the <sup>fd</sup> John White forthwith to notify and warn the free holders & other Inhabitants of <sup>fd</sup> Town Quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to asemble & meet at Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Houfe Inholder in <sup>fd</sup> fitchburgh on monday the twenty sixth Day of Novembr Insent then & there being Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing articals here after mentioned that is first to Chouse a moderator for the Government of <sup>fd</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to See if it be the minds of the Town to have preaching the Winter Insuing & to Vote aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will make Choice of sum Convenient place for Seetting a meeting house & Vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if it be the minds of the Town to be preparing of Stuf for the Buielding of a meeting house & to see What methoad they will Come Into for having the same provided

5<sup>ly</sup> to know the minds of the Town of what Demen-  
son they would have the meting house . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Chouse a Committee to Carrey on the Bisness of Buielding a meeting in <sup>fd</sup> Town & to Give [13] such Instructons as they shall think proper . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town Will Rais aney Summe or Sumes of money for Buielding a meeting house in <sup>fd</sup> Town . . .

Here of fail not & make Due Return of this Warrant to one of us at or before the Day of <sup>fd</sup> meeting . . .

Given under our hands & seal at fitchburgh this twelfth Day of Novembr and in the fourth year of his Majests Reign A D 1764

Worcester fs fitchburgh November the 26 1764

In obedience to the Within Written Warrent I have notified & Warned the free holders & other Inhabitents to appear at time & place within mentioned to act on the articals within mentioned acording to the tennor of the Within Instrument

Pr John White Constable



at a Leagal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins in Holder in f<sup>d</sup> Town on mondy the 26 Day of Novembr 1764 . . .

Firstly Voted & Chose David Goodridge moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that they will have fix Sabath Days preaching the Winter Infuing . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Eph<sup>m</sup> Whitney David Goodridge & Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball be the Committee to provide preaching for the present . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that m<sup>r</sup> Petter Whitney & m<sup>r</sup> Rufell be the Gentlemen the Committee apply them felvs to firft for preaching in f<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the meeting be adjoyrnd for one ouer

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the place for Seting a meeting Houfe be in a field Called Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Whet yard nigh Decon Amos Kimballs mills in the moft Convenint place therein

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that they will be provideing Stuff for the Building of a meeting Houfe in faid Town . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town have the Benifit of providing of all Nefesarys as to Timbers &c for the Building of a meetin house in f<sup>d</sup> Town in Such maner as the Commitee Shall think proper

[14] 9<sup>ly</sup> Voted that it be Left to the Committe to Say What the hight of the meetting Houfe fhall be . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted that David Goodridge Eph<sup>m</sup> Whitney & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin be a Committee to manage & take the care of Bulding the meeting houfe in f<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Eph<sup>m</sup> Whitney Amos Kimball & Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball a Committee to agree with Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin for a Convenient plafe for to feet a meeting Houfe in f<sup>d</sup> Town Even the Land a bove Voted & made Choice of & to take Security of the Land in Behalf of the Town . .

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted that fifty pounds be Raised for the Bulding of a meeting houfe in f<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted to have the preaching in Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Houfe in faid Town . . . . .

Worcester ss fitchburgh December the 17 1764

To m<sup>r</sup> John White Cunstable of the Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worcester Greeting . . .

these are therefore in his Majestis name to Require you the said John White forthwith to Notify & Warne the free Holders & other Inhabitents in s<sup>d</sup> Town Quallified by Law to Vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on mondy the 24 Day of Decembr at one of the Clock in the afternoon then and their Being Duely met and formd to act on the folowing artcls hereafter menfioned that is first to Chuese a moderator for the Goverment of s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town Will Reconsider aney part of the former former Vote Relating to the Inhabitants of the Towns Being Employed in Giting Timber for the Bulding a meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town Will Leet out the Hueing and framing of the meeting House to m<sup>r</sup> Timothy parker or Impowr the Committee So to Do or vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town Will Give the Committee aney further Instruptions chofen by them for the Carrying on the afare of Bulding a meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town . . . .

Here off fail not & make Due Return of this Warrant Unto one of us at or Before the Day of s<sup>d</sup> meeting Given under our hands at fitchburgh Decembr the 17 A D 1764 and in the fifth year of his majests Regn

[15] Worcest<sup>r</sup> ss fitchburgh Decembr the 24 1764

In obediance to the Within precipt I have Notified the Inhabitents Within mentioned to appear at Time & place Within mentioned for the purposes Within mentioned according to the tenor of the Within Instrumant

p<sup>r</sup> me John White Constable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Duely Qualified by Law to vote in Town affaers at the house of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins in s<sup>d</sup> fitchburgh on mondy the 24 Day of Decembr at

one of the Clock in the after noone the Town Being meet  
Voted & Chose David Goodridge moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the former vote Refering to the Towns  
Having the Benifet of the Gitting the Timber for the  
Buelding a meeting House in f<sup>d</sup> Town in part be Reconfid-  
erd . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that m<sup>r</sup> Timothy Parker huew & fraime  
the meeting House the Town finding the Timber for two  
hundred & fifty pounds old tenor fifty pounds being paid  
when the timber is hued . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Committee be Impowerd to agree  
with m<sup>r</sup> Timothy Parker to hue & fraime the meeting  
houfe & to have the Same Ready by the 17 Day of  
august to Rafe . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Committe be Impowerd to pro-  
vide all Nefafaries for the finifhing the meeting House . .

(feal) Worcefer fs To m<sup>r</sup> John White Cunstabl of the  
Town of fitchburgh in the County of Worcestre Greeting

Thefe are therfor in his majests name to Requir the  
f<sup>d</sup> John White forthwith to notify & warn the free holders  
& other Inhabitents quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town  
meetings to afemble & meet at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup>  
Cowdins in f<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the forth Day of march  
next at nine of the Clock in the fournoon then and their  
Being Duly meet & formed to act on the following arti-  
cals [16] herafter menfoned that is firft to Chufe a mod-  
erator for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meeting . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to Chufe Select men & all other Town officers for  
the year Infuing as the Law Directs . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See What method the Town Will Com into for  
mending the High Ways & to Raife money for the Same  
or Vote aney thing Refering there to as they fall think  
proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to hear the Several aCounts of the Sevares for  
the year paft . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to Except of Such Roads as the Select men Shall  
Lay out or Caufe to be Laid out by their order.

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if it be the minds of the Town to make  
application to the Grate & General Court for to have a

tax Laid on the Wild Land in f<sup>d</sup> Town & to Chouse a man or men to manag the Bufines as they fhall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> to hear the a Counts of thofe men that have Dun Servis for the Town & to Rais money for paying the same if they Shall think proper . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to hear the Requeft of Eph<sup>m</sup> OZorn & others that is to See if the Town will Reconfider their Vote Refpecting the placing of the meeting Houfe & Votte to place it near the Center of f<sup>d</sup> Town the better to acomodate Sundry of the Inhabitents who Seam Diffatisfied With the place alredy appointed for Building f<sup>d</sup> meeting Houfe . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town Will Votte that the Hogs Shall Run at Large the prefont year . . . .

Hereof faile not and make Return of this Warrant unto us at or before the Day of f<sup>d</sup> meeting

Given under our hands & seal at fitchburgh this fourteenth Day of february & in the fifth year of his majeftes Reign A D 1765

Amos Kimball	} Select men for fitchburgh
David Goodridge	
Eph <sup>m</sup> Whitney	
Ruben Gibfon	

[17] Worcefter fs fitchburgh march the 2 1765

In obedience to the within warrent I have notified & warned the free holders & other Inhabitants to appear at time & place within menfhoned to act on the articals within menfhoned acording to the Tenor of the Within Infrement

Pr John White Conftable

at a Legal meeting of the free Holders & Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Quallified by Law to Votte in Town afairs at the Houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins in f<sup>d</sup> fitchburgh on mondy the forth Day of march 1765 the Town being meet Votted and Chofe Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge moderator . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chofe Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge De<sup>a</sup> Amos Kimball & Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Select men for f<sup>d</sup> Town . .

- 3<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Eph<sup>m</sup> Whitney Town Clark . . .
- 4<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Town Treafurer .
- 5<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Phinehas Steward Conftable in  
the Rum of James Poole . . . . .
- 6<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Ifaiah Witt & James Poole War-  
dens
- 7<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Will<sup>m</sup> Chadweck & Soloman  
Steward Tythingmen
- 8<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Gary Silos Snow & Jona-  
than Wood & Jefse french & Samuel Sanderfon Survars of  
High Ways
- 9<sup>ly</sup> Votted & chose Kindall Bouwell & Ifaac Gibson  
Dear Reafs
- 10<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Ebenezer Bridge & Eph<sup>m</sup> Ozburn  
be men to take Care of the fier the year Infuing . . .
- 11<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Niclos Danforth & Samuel Parce  
hogg Revs
- 12<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Phinhas Steward Survayer of  
Shingls & & Clabords . . . . .
- 13<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Jonathan Wood Survayer of  
hups & ftavs
- 14<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Jacob Steward Sealer of Leather
- 15<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose Jofeph Spafford & Hezekiah  
Hodgkin fence Vewers . . . . .
- 16<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Survayer of  
Wheet
- 17<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the High Ways be mended by a tax  
Laid upon the Inhabitants in maner as was the Laft  
year
- 18<sup>ly</sup> Votted that forty pounds be Raifed for mending  
the high Ways
- 19<sup>ly</sup> Votted Exept the Road from Jonathan Woods  
to Decon Amos Kimballs mill if the Land be Given that  
is begining at f<sup>d</sup> Woods and fo Runing on Common Land  
to De<sup>a</sup> [18] Eph<sup>m</sup> Pearces Land & throw f<sup>d</sup> Pearces  
Land to Land of m<sup>r</sup> Emerfons & through a Corner of f<sup>d</sup>  
Emerfons Land to Land of one m<sup>r</sup> mace & through f<sup>d</sup>  
mace Land to Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Land & throw f<sup>d</sup> Cow-  
dins Land to f<sup>d</sup> mace Land a gain & through f<sup>d</sup> Cowdins  
Land & on f<sup>d</sup> maces Land to Lands of Decon Kimball &



so on f<sup>d</sup> Cowdins & f<sup>d</sup> Kimballs Lands unto the Road near the Bridge Called Kimballs Bridge f<sup>d</sup> Road to be two Rods wide Discribed by marks on the north side of f<sup>d</sup> Road

Jonathan Wood }  
David Goodridge } Committe  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin }

20<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Road be Exepted from m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibson to m<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Duttons if Given that is Begining at the north west Corner of Joseph Spaffords Land & Running southerdly on Common Land to the south westerd Corner of Will<sup>m</sup> Chadwick Land then Runing on the Line Betwen Niclos Danford & m<sup>r</sup> meeds one Rod on Each then Runing to the North eastrdly Corner of Ifaiah Witts Land then Runing Southerdly to the Brook then Runing a Strate Line to the Rode Betwen Jefse french & Tho<sup>s</sup> Dutton to the County Road . . .

Isaac Gibson }  
Ruben Gibson } Committe  
Isaiah Witt }  
Will<sup>m</sup> Chadwick }

21<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Road be Exepted from m<sup>r</sup> James Richardsons to mr Phinehas Steward so frar as the Land fhall be given & now farther that is Begining at Leominstor Linc through m<sup>r</sup> James Richerdsons Land to Will<sup>m</sup> Stewards Land & through f<sup>d</sup> Stewards Land to Samuel Parcees Land & through f<sup>d</sup> Parcees Land to phinehas Stewards Land & upon f<sup>d</sup> Stewards Land into the Road near f<sup>d</sup> Stewards Houfe f<sup>d</sup> Road to be two Rods Wide Described by marks on the East side

David Goodridge }  
Will<sup>m</sup> Steward } Committe  
Samuel Parce }

22<sup>ly</sup> Capt David Goodridge Laid his a Count befor the Town and Votted to pay him sixteen fhilings

23<sup>ly</sup> John White Laid his a Count befor the Town & Votted by them to pay him nine Shilings . . . . .

24<sup>ly</sup> Eph<sup>m</sup> Whitney Laid his acount befor the town & Votted by them to pay Eighteen Shilings & Eight pence

25<sup>ly</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Dutton Laid his a Count befor the Town and Votted [19] by them to pay him ten Shilings & Eight





[20] Worcest<sup>r</sup> vs fitchburgh June the 15 1765

In obedience to the within writen warrant I have notified & warnd the free holders & other Inhabitents to appear at time & place within mesioned to act on the articles within menfhoned according to the tenour of the within Inftrument . . . . .

Pr Phinehas Steward Conftable

at a Legal meeting of the free holders & Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Votte in Town meetings at the house of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Inholder in f<sup>d</sup> Town on munday the Seventeenth Day of June 1765 at three of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd proceeded as follows that is. . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose mr John White moderator . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Votted to Repair the old Bridge over the River in f<sup>d</sup> Town near the mills . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Bridge be Repaired by a tax Laid on the Inhabitants of f<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Greed with m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Steward & m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Wood to Undertak to Repair the Bridge for Eight pounds Lawfull money their Dowing the Bifines forthwith . . . .

Worcestr vs To the Counftable of the Town of fitchburgh Greeting you are Required in his majests name to notify & warn all the free holders & others Inhabitants of f<sup>d</sup> Town Quallified by Law to Votte in Town meetings to asemble & meet at the House of Capt Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Inholder in f<sup>d</sup> town on monday the thurteth Day of Septembr Instant at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being Duely meet to act on the articals following that is first to Chouse a moderator for the Government of f<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see what methord the Town will com into Relating fcools & chufe a Committee for the same & Give them fuch Instructons as they fhall think proper & Raife money for the same as they fhall think proper . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to see whether the Town will have any preaching in f<sup>d</sup> Town the Winter Insuing & Rais money for the same & Chouse a Committee to provide preaching [21] & Give them Such Instructons as they Shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money for m<sup>r</sup> Petter Whitney for his three Last Days preaching Laft Winter . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the Town will come into to Rase the meeting House . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to chouse a committee to provide such things as they Shall think nesary for Raifing f<sup>d</sup> House & Give them such Instructons as they shall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> to hear the accounts of any persons that have Dun Servis for the Town & Grant money for payment of the same

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Exept of the Bridge Votted to be Built by m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Steward & m<sup>l</sup> Jonathan Wood & Votte any thing as they shall think proper . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to Raife any Sum or Sums of money for Service of f<sup>d</sup> Town as they Sall think proper . . . . .

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant & your Dowings there on to Sum one of us the Subscribers at or before the time of meeting — Given Under our hands & Seal at fitchburgh this Seventeenth Day of Sep-tembr & in the fifth year of his majests Reign A D 1765

David Goodridge	{	Select
Amos Kimball		men for
Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin		fitchburgh

Worcestr fs fitchburgh Sept<sup>r</sup> the thirteth 1765

I have wared all the Votters Acording to the within Ritten Warrant . . . . Pr Phinehas Steward Conftable

at a Legal metting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Votte in Town meetings at the House of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Inholder in f<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the thurteth Day of Sep<sup>tr</sup> 1765 at one of the Clock in the afternoon the Town

being meet & formd proceded to act on the folowing artels here after menfoned that is firft Votted & Chofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the fecond & third artcle in f<sup>d</sup> warrant be pafed over which artcles ware Relating to having Scool & preaching the Winter Infuing . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Votted that money be Raised to pay m<sup>r</sup> Petter Wittney for his three Laft Days preaching Laft Winter

[22] 4<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Every man bring in his provi-  
fion to the meeting houfe fpot for the Raifing of the Same

5<sup>ly</sup> Votted that De<sup>n</sup> Amos Kimball Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball & Ifaac Gibfon & Ifaiah Witt be a Com-  
mittee for to provide fuch things for the Raising of the  
meeting houfe in f<sup>d</sup> Town as they fhall think proper

6<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Second article be pafsed over . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Six Dollors be aded to m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas  
Steward & m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Wood for Som Extreordny work  
Dun to the Bridge by Kimballs mill . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the ninth artical be pafsed over

Worceftr fs to the cunftable of the Town of fitchburgh  
Greeting in his maieftes name you are Requird to notify  
& warn the free holders & other Inhabitents Quallified by  
Law to vote in town afairs to afemble & meet at the  
house of Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Inholder in fitchburgh on Thursdy  
the twenty firft Day of this Instant Novembr at one of  
the clock in the after noon then & their Being Duly meet  
and formd to act on the folowing articals that is firft to  
Choufe a moderator for the Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to hear accounts of the Town Treafuror . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Chouse a Committee to provide Scool or Scool  
as they fhall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money for the Scool or Scool as they  
fhall think prop

5<sup>ly</sup> to fee What method the Town will com into to  
cover the meetinghouse & to give the Committe aney fur-  
ther Instructons as they fhall think proper . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to fee if the Town will Rais aney fum or fums of  
money for finishing f<sup>d</sup> meeting houfe . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to hear the Report of the Committee for providing a Buering yard or give them any further Instructons as they Shall think proper . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to see Whether the Town Chuefes to have any preaching this Winter & to chouse a Committee to provide as they fhall think proper . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to Chouse a Committee or Committes as they shall think proper . . . . .

[23] 10<sup>ly</sup> to hear any a Counts of any persons that hath Done Servis for f<sup>d</sup> Town & to Raife monney for the Same as they fhall think proper

11<sup>ly</sup> to see Whether the Town will aLow Timothy parker any fitting Consideration for Servis in Building the meeting hous

12<sup>ly</sup> to see Whether the Town will Rais any Sum or Sums of money for Service of f<sup>d</sup> Town as they fhall think Nefesary

Hear of fail not & make Return of this Warrant With your Downgs there on to Sume one of us the Subscribrs at on or before the time of f<sup>d</sup> meeting Given under our hands and Seal at fitchburgh this twelfth Day of novembr & in the fifth year of his majefts Reign A D 1765

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	{	Select men for fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
David Goodridge		

Worcester fs fitchburgh Novembr the 21 1765

In obedience to your Warrant I have notifyd & warned all the Inhabitents of f<sup>d</sup> Town quallifid by Law to vote in Town affairs Phinehas Steward Conftable

at a Leagal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of fitchburgh Quallifed by Law to vote in Town affairs at the House of Capt Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Inholder in fitchburgh on thursday the 21 Day of novembr 1765 at one of the Clock in the after noon the Town being meet & formd proceded to act on the following arteles that is first Votted & Chose David Goodridge moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Votted that their Shall be a Scoole Kept this Winter

3<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin      { Scool  
    Kindall Boutwall    { Committee  
    Jonathan Wood        { for f<sup>d</sup> Town

4<sup>ly</sup> Votted to have two Scools in f<sup>d</sup> Town & that m<sup>r</sup> Poole & m<sup>r</sup> John fitch with their Neighbors have the Benefitt of their Scool money in order to provide a mong them selves . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Votted that three pounds be Raifed for Scooling

6<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Committee provid Bords with all other other nefecaries needfull in order to cover the meeting House in f<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .

[24] 7<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin undertak to finifh the out fide of the meeting house & Lay the Lower flower for three hundred Pounds old tenor the Town providing all the ftufe necefary therefor at the fpot where f<sup>d</sup> House ftands

8<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Seventy Pounds be Raifed for the ufe of f<sup>d</sup> town

9<sup>ly</sup> Votted to Exept the Report of the Committe Chofen by f<sup>d</sup> Town to provide a burieng yard

10<sup>ly</sup> Votted not to have preching this winter . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Elifha fullum a Committee man to Joyn with Capt David Goodridge & Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin to take the Care & Build a meeting house in f<sup>d</sup> Town . .

12 Votted to m<sup>r</sup> Timothy Parker Eight pounds as a Consideration for his hewing & framing the meeting house in f<sup>d</sup> Town

Worcefter Is To the Cunftable of the Town of fitchburgh Greting In his majefts name you are Requird to notifie & warne all the free holders & other Inhabitents qualified by Law to vote in Town afairs to afemble & meet at the house of Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins Inholder in f<sup>d</sup> fitchburgh on mondy the third Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the four noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the artels folowing

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderator for Government of f<sup>d</sup> meeting



2<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse Select meen & other Town oficers . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Exept of fuch Roads as Shall be Laid out by the Select men or their order . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to Rais aney Som or Sums of money for mending high ways & vote how it Shall be workt out . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to pafs a Vote that all those perfons that hath Given Land for Town Rods Shall not be at aney coft to purches Rods for other perfons that hath not Given aney Land for Town Rods til others have given their proporton Equel . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will pafs a Vote that the Sevrall Servars or Colectors of the high way Rats Shall be accountabl to the Town Treafuror for the Soms committed to them to be Workd out . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Reconfider their vots of the Last meeting Relating a Buerying yard & Exept of another place

8<sup>ly</sup> to fee if the Town will Dis Continue aney Rods that are alredy Laid out

[25] 9<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town Thinks proper to proced on their former vote Relating the Land tax to have the Commite alredy chofen proced or give them aney farther Instructons as they fhall think proper

10<sup>ly</sup> to here the a Counts of the Several Survars for the year paf & vote aney thing there on as they Sall think proper

11<sup>ly</sup> to here the a Counts of aney perfon that hath Don Serves for the Town & Rais money to pay the Same

12 to see if the Town will com into Sume method to prevent other Towns people Bringing Catle into Town as it is a Grate Damige to the Inhabitants . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Suffer hogs to Run at Large the present year . . . .

14<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will give the committee aney further Instructons towards Glafing the meeting house & Culling the fame if they think proper . . . .

15<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will com into aney other metod to warn Town meetings for the futer . . . .

16<sup>ly</sup> to Chufe a County Register for the County of Worcefter

Here of fail not & make Return of this Warrant with your Dowings their on to Sum one of us at or Befor the time of meeting Given under our hands & Seal this 17 Day of febuery & in the sixth year of his majefts Reign  
A D 1766

David Goodridge	{	Select men for fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
Thos Cowdin		

Worceftr fs fitchburgh march the 1 1766

In obedianc to this warrant I have warned all the free holders all the free holders & other Ihabitents Quali-  
fied by Law to vote in Town metings to meet at Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins on mondy the third Day of march at nine  
of the Clock in the four noon

Phinehas Steward Conftable for fitchburgh

at a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabi-  
tants of the town of fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote  
in Town afares to meet at the house of Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cow-  
dins in f<sup>d</sup> fitchburgh on mondy the third Day of march  
1766 the Town being meet Votted & Chofe Cap<sup>t</sup> David  
Goodridge moderator

[26] 2<sup>ly</sup> Votted & chofe Amos Kimball Tho<sup>s</sup> Cow-  
din David Goodridge Select men for the f<sup>d</sup> Town . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Amos Kimball Town Clark . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Jonathan Wood Town Treafurer

5<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Cunftable . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofs mofes Thurlo Solomon Steward  
wardens . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Nichlos Danforth Nehemiah fuller  
Tiething meen . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Tho<sup>s</sup> Harris William  
flagg David Goodridge mofes Thurlo to be Survars of  
high Ways

9<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Jofeph Low Elifha fullum Dear  
Reavs

10<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe John fitch Kindal Boutall to  
take care of fiers . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe William Cox Jonathan Holt  
Hezekiah Hodgkns hogg Reves . . . . .



12<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Phinehas Steward Survare of Clabords & Shingels . . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe John Buſs Survare of hups & Staves

14<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Jacob Steward Seler of Lether

15<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Amos Kimball Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball fenc vewers . . . . .

16<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Survare of Wheet

17<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chofe Ifaac Gibson Phinehas Steward field Drivers . . . . .

18<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Rod be Exepte from the Bridge nar Jefse frenchs mills to Elifha fulloms if Given it Begining at f<sup>d</sup> Bridge Runing through Land of Samuel Walkers near a fouth west pint to Land of Amos Kimballs & through f<sup>d</sup> Kimballs Land to Land of m<sup>r</sup> olivers near a fouth pint through f<sup>d</sup> olivers Land to Land of Elifha fullums & through f<sup>d</sup> fullums Land to the Rod that Leads by f<sup>d</sup> fullums to Leomenſtr and marked numbr of treas on the weſterdly fide of f<sup>d</sup> Rod ſaid Rod to be two Rods wide

Amos Kimball	{	Select
Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin		men of f <sup>d</sup> Town

[27] 19<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Exepte a two Rod Road if Given Begining at moſes Thurlos & Tho<sup>s</sup> Garys Land ſo Runing through m<sup>r</sup> meeds Land to Land of f<sup>d</sup> Thurlos & then to Land of Tho<sup>s</sup> Duttons ſo through to the county Road at f<sup>d</sup> Duttons houſe on the Weſterdly fide of f<sup>d</sup> Duttons Houſe & marked the trefs on the ſotherdly Side & Weſterdly Side

Ifaac Gibſon	{	as Comitte
Ifaiah Witt		
Ebenezer Bridge		
moſes Thurlo		
Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin		

20<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Sixty pounds be Raiſed for the mending the high Ways for this preſent year . . . . .

21 Votted that it be Left to the Select men how high way money ſhall be workt out with theſe Reftraints that it be workt out by the our as was the Laſt year . . . .

22<sup>ly</sup> Votted that thoſe that have Given Rods in f<sup>d</sup>

Town fhall not be Expofed to By Rods til others that have not Given aney Shall be their proportionabl part with them . . . . .

23<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Survars Shall be Colectors of high way Rats & Shall be a Countable to the Town Treafuror for the Sums Committed to them to be workt out . . . . .

24<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the former vote Refpecting the Towns Exepting the Report of a Commite Chofen to provide a buering yard be Reconfiderd . . . . .

25<sup>ly</sup> Votted to Except one acre of Land of Amos Kimball for a Buering yard . . . . .

26<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Rod from Tho<sup>s</sup> Garys barn towards Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Woods mill be throne up

27<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Committee Chofen to Git a Land tax Shall proceed . . . . .

28<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the old Survaers See that the high ways Rats for the year paf<sup>t</sup> be workt out & to Settle with the Treafurer . . . . .

29<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge aCount be a Low<sup>d</sup> 10/

30<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Amos Kimball a Count be a Low<sup>d</sup> 10/

31<sup>ly</sup> phinehas Steward Laid his Aount befor the Town for warning out perfons & votted to pay him 8/

32<sup>ly</sup> Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Laid his a Count befor the Town for being Treafuror and votted by them to pay him 12/

33<sup>ly</sup> Amos Kimball Laid his a Count before the Town [28] for Keping Whitney & votted by them to pay him Sixteen Shilings . . . . . 16/

34<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Inhabitants of other Towns fhall not be alowed to bring in aney Cattel into town that have no Intrest in f<sup>d</sup> town

35<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the hoaggs Go att Large this year

36<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Committey Chofen to Glafe the metinghouse are to Coller the f<sup>d</sup> houfe . . . . .

Septembr the 15 1766

Worcefter fs to Ephriam Kimball Cunftable of the Town of fitchburgh Greeting in his majeftis name you

are Requird to notify & warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants qualifid by Law to vote in town afaers to asemble & meet att the meeting house in f<sup>d</sup> town on mondy the twenty Second Day of this month at one of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the artcals folowing . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderator for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Exept of what m<sup>r</sup> Abel Baldwin hath Don in finishing of the out side of the meeting house and Laying the Loear floer. . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will take to provide a Scool or Scool & to Chuse a Committe to provid a Scool marster & to Give them such Instructons as they fhall thnk proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if they will have preaching this winter & to Chuse a Committee for the Same purpos & to Give them Such Inftructons a they Shall think proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to See What method the town will com into in Disposfing of the pue Ground in the meeting house & to Chuse a Committee for that purpos & to Give them Such Instructons as they Shall think proper . . . . .

6 Past over

7<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will Raise aney money to De-fray Town Charges

8<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will a bate m<sup>r</sup> Ebenzer Bridge what he was Ratted for Barnebas Woods in the year 1764

9<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will com into aney method to build a pound

10<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Raise aney money to fin-ish the County Rode Latly Laid out by the Corts Com-mittey . . . . .

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant to fom one of us at on or before the Day a bove mentined Given under our hands & Sele this fiftenth Day of Sep-tembr 1766 & in the Sixth [29] year of his majests Reign

Amos Kimball	} Select men
David Goodridge	
Thos Cowdin	
	of
	fitchburgh

I have warned the free holders & other Inhabitants according to Law Ephriam Kimball Cunstable of fitchburgh

at a Legal meetting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in town a fauers at the meeting house in f<sup>d</sup> Town on mondy the twenty second Day of this month at one of the Clock in the after noon the Town being meet voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Exepted of What m<sup>r</sup> Abel Baldwin has Dun toward finishing the out side of the meeting house & Laying the under floor

3<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Town Treasurer Shall Give Secuerety to mr abel Baldwine or Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin for finishing the out Side of the meeting house & Laying the under floore

4<sup>ly</sup> Votted to have a Scool in f<sup>d</sup> town & Rais Eight pounds for to be Laid out in Scooling . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Chose Ruben Giblson Ephriam Kimball mofes Thurlo Scool Commite . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Votted that two thirds of the scool money to be Laid out in the middel of the Town & the Rest of the money to be Laid out by the Commity as they Shall think proper on the out sides off the Town . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Votted to have preching in f<sup>d</sup> town . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Raifed forty pounds of money for preaching

9<sup>ly</sup> Chose Amos Kimball Elifha fullam Jonathan Wood for to git a minester to prech . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> Votted to here m<sup>r</sup> Petter Whitney m<sup>r</sup> angier m<sup>r</sup> Payson if they will com & preach with us . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> Votted to Sell the Pue Ground in faid meting house

12<sup>ly</sup> Votted that fifty three pounds six shilings & Eight penc be Laid upon the pue Ground . . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> Chose John White Kindal Boutwall Soloman Steward John Thufston Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball for to Lay out & Dignify the pues & to make Return to the Town the next meeting

14<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Ebenezer Bridges Raets fhall be abated which he was Rated for Barney Wood in the year 1764 . . . . .

15<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the highest payer upon Reael Estate  
shall have the first Choise in the pues in said metng house

16<sup>ly</sup> Votted to Build a pound in said Town . . .

[30] 17<sup>ly</sup> Votted that Every furvaer in <sup>rd</sup> Town Shall  
work one Day with their hands upon the new County  
Rod or pay the money

Worcestr fs to Ephriam Kimball Cunftable for the  
Town of fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majests name you are Requird to warn all the  
free holders & other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to vot  
in Town afaiers to meet at the meeting house in <sup>rd</sup> Town  
on the Second Day of novembr next at one of the Clock  
in the after noon then & their being Duely meet and  
formd to act on the artiles folowing . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderator for Goverment of <sup>rd</sup> meting

2 to see whether the town will Exept of what the  
Comitte hath Dun in Dignifying the pue Ground or order  
the same Committee to make aney alteration on <sup>rd</sup> Day  
as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Inpower the Commity  
Chosen by the Town to Dignify the pue Ground or vote  
aneything Refering thereto . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to order Every person that Draws a pue to pay  
the money his pue is prifed at to the Town Treasuror or  
Give Secuerety in order to pay m<sup>r</sup> Boyenton for Glasing &  
painting the meeting house & to pay out <sup>rd</sup> money acord-  
ing to the Commites orders . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Build the Body Seets in  
the meeting house & Errect a place for the minester to  
preach in

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Cafe the Windors & seale  
as high as the bottom of the Windors or Give the Com-  
mitte aney further Instructons as they shall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> to have aney person bring in their aCounts that  
have aney Demands on <sup>rd</sup> Town & Rais money for to pay  
the same . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will com into aney other  
methord to warn town meetings for the futter . . . . .



9<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will provide stones for steps for the meetinghouse Doors and to Dige Down the Bank the back side of the meeting house in order to Keep the Gravel [31] Working Down against the Sels

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there of to som won of us att or before the Day a bove menched Given under our hands & seal this thirty first Day of octobr & in the sixth year of his mjestis Reign A D. 1766

Amos Kimball	} Select men for fitchburgh
Thos Cowdin	
David Goodridge	

fitchburgh Novembr the 6 1766

by Varty of this Warrant I have warned the free holders & inhabitants of this Town Qualified for Voting according to Law to meet at time and place

Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in Town a fairs at the meeting house in f<sup>d</sup> Town on the Seventh Day of novembr the Town being meet . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose mr John Thufston moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Votted & wold not Exept of what the Comity hath Dun in Dignifying the pue Ground but voted that the Commitey sould make alterations & the Same Comitey that was chofen to Digneify the pues Ground Went & made an alteration in Dignifying the pue Ground & then the Town votted & Expted of What the Commity hath Don in Dignifying the pue Ground in f<sup>d</sup> meeting house . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Commity that was Chofen to Dignify the pue Ground Shall Give Deeds to those men that have pues in f<sup>d</sup> meeting house . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Votted that those men that have pues shall pay the money Down or Give Secuerety to the Town Treafurer for three months at what their pue Ground was prised at . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Votted to arect a place for the minester to preach in

6<sup>ly</sup> Votted that they will cafe the windrs below and feele up to the windors & Leave it to Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridge Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdin Eifha fullam which is the Commite . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Raifed fix pounds to Defray Town Charges

[32] 8<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Town meetings fhall be Warned for futter by feting up the warrant fourteen Days before the meetings on a poft near the meting hous

9<sup>ly</sup> Votted James poole Shall Git Steps for the meetinghouse Dowers make the wall the Back fide of the meeting houfe

A True Coppe Errors Exepte

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

A True Coppey Taken off the old Book & Enterd on this Book bgining at page five and Comparrd by us the Subfcribors Chofen by the Town of fitchburgh octobr the 1 1770

Errors Excepted

David Goodridge }  
John White } Comitte

[31<sup>2</sup>] march y<sup>e</sup> 2 1767

(feail) Worceftr fs To m<sup>r</sup> Ephriaim Kimball Cunftabl for the Town of fitchburg Greting — — In his majestes Name you are Required to Warn all the free holders & other Inhabitints of f<sup>d</sup> town qualfied by Law to Vote in town a fairs to a femble and meet att the meting house on the Second Day of march Next att Nine o Clock in the fore Noon then and their being Duly met & formd to act one artels following that is . . .

(1) to Chufe a moderator for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meting

(2) To Chufe felect men & other town officers . . .

(3) To Except of fuch high Ways as fhall be Laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

4 To to Raise money to mend the high Ways for the year Infuing & to Vote how it fhall be Worked out . .

5 To hear the aCounts of the town treafurer from the Select men

6 To fee if the town will abate fuch Rats as fhall be Laid bfore them from the feveral Conftables . . .



7 To hear the accounts of any persons that have Done service for the town & Raife money to pay the same

8 To see if the town will Raise money to provide the town with weights & meafures or other articles as they fhall think Nefafary . . . . .

9 To see if the town will Let their hoggs Run at Large this prefent year . . . . .

here of faile not & make Return of this Warrent with your Doings there on to fume one of Us att or before the time above mentioned Given under our hands & feal this twelfe Day of february & in the feventh year of his maiefties Reign A D 1767 . . . . .

	Amos Kimball	} Select men
¶	Thos Cowdin	
	David Goodridge	

Worceftr fs fitchburg march 2 1767 In obedience to within written warrint I have Notified & warned the fre holders & other Inhabitans to apear att time & place within mentioned to act on the articalas within mentioned according to the tennor of the within Instrument

Pr Ephraim Kimball Conftable

at a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in Town meetings on monday the Second day of march A D 1767 at the meeting house in 1<sup>st</sup> Town

Thos Cowdin Town Clark Voted

[32<sup>2</sup>] march y<sup>e</sup> 2 1767

1 Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin moderater . . .

2 Voted and Chose Thomas Cowdin Isaac Gibson Ifsair Witt Select meen

3 Voted and Chose Thomas Cowdin Town Clark . .

4 Voted and Chose Thomas Cowdin Town treasurer

5 Voted and Chose Ifaac Gibson Conftable . . . .

6 Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge & John Thurften Wardins

7 Voted and Chose Reuben Gibson furvyer for high way . . . . .

- 8 Voted and Chose samuel pirce high way furvare
- 10 Voted and Chose Jacob puffer high way furvar
- 11 Voted and Chose Thomas Hartwell high way fur-  
var . . . . .
- 12 Voted and Chose Joseph Low high way furvare
- 13 Voted and Chosen Hezekiah Hodgkin high way  
furvaer
- 14 Voted and Chosen Ephraim Ofburn & John White  
Tithing men
- 15 Voted and Chosen Caleb Upton & Joseph Downs  
Deer Refes
- 16 Voted and Chosen phinehas fteward & Ebnezer  
Bridge fire Wards . . . . .
- 17 Voted and Chosen William fteward & Caleb Upton  
and James Gray hog Refes
- 18 Voted and Chosen Soloman fteward furvare of  
Clabord and fhingels . . . . . Clabords and fhingels
- 19 Voted and Chosen Jonathan Wood surveyer of  
hoops and ftaves . . . . . hoops and ftaves
- 20 Voted and Chose William Thurlo Seler of Lether
- 21 Voted and Chose Joseph fpafford and phinehas  
fteward fence Vewers
- 22 Voted and Chosen mores Thurlo furvar of . . Wheat
- 23 Voted and Chose Nicholas Danford and John Bufs  
field Drivers
- 24 Voted that the surveyes be Collectors for the year  
Insuing of the high way taxes . . . . .
- 25 Voted and Excepted a Rode from John Whites to  
William Thurlos house and Given . . . . .
- 26 Voted and Excepted a Rode from the County  
Rode to North River bridge and Given . . . . .
- 27 Voted and Raifd sixty pounds for high Ways £60
- [33] 28 Voted that f<sup>d</sup> money fhall be Left to the  
Discreton of the Select men . . . . .
- 29 Voted and a bated the Rats of William Hodgkins  
on the a Count of Joshua priest . . . . . 13/6 paid
- 30 Voted to a bate samuel Hodgkins Rates on  
a Count of the meting house . . . . . 13/ paid
- 31 Voted to a bate the Rats of Timothy farley £1 . 3 . 0  
paid

32 Voted and a bated the Rats of Daniel merrall 5/  
paid

33 Voted and a bated the Rats of Thomas Dutton  
15/ paid

34 Voted and a bated Thos Duttons Rates in Ephraim  
Kimball List . . . . . 7/6 paid

35 Voted to a Low Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge 10/ paid

36 Voted to a Low Jonathan Wood for fevices Dun  
the town . . . . . 12/ paid

37 Voted to a Low Deacon Kimball for serves Dun  
for this town . . . . . £5—19—6 paid

38 Voted to a Low Decon Kimball for Serves Dun  
this town . . . . . 10/ paid

39 Voted to a Low Ephraram Kimball for Serves  
Dun this town . . . . . 10/ paid

40 Voted to a Low Decon Kimball 6/ pur Week for  
bordarding the mineftrs til the time a Greed upon is Ex-  
pired for mr anger to preach . . .

41 Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large the year  
Infuing being Lawfully yoked & Ring . . . . .

The meting Difolved

attest Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowden Moderator

fitchburg June 1<sup>st</sup> 1766

We have Laid out a tow Rode Roade begining at y<sup>e</sup>  
County Roade and Runing btwen Elphle mace and Land  
in pofsefsion of Thomas Cowdin and fo Running be tween  
mace and Cowdin until it Coms to y<sup>e</sup> botom of y<sup>e</sup> falling  
Ground and then Runs through f<sup>d</sup> Cowdins Land by  
markt trees on the Efterdly fide of the Roade til it Coms  
to Land of m<sup>r</sup> Mofes Thurlos and fow to y<sup>e</sup> River Wheir  
it Was Laid out the year befor by y<sup>e</sup> felect mens order

and the Land Given by Amos Kimball } Select  
Thomas Cowdin . . } Thomas Cowdin } men

[34] fitchburg february y<sup>e</sup> 26 1767

We the Select men herby order m<sup>r</sup> John Thufsten and  
m<sup>r</sup> John White and m<sup>r</sup> Nicolas Danford to Lay out a  
Road tow Rods Wide from William Thurlos houle a Croas

mr Danfords and mr Thuftens Land to the Road that Leds to mr Ifaac Gibsons houfe and from that Road to mr John Whites houfe for Which this fhall be your Suficant order

Pr Amos Kimball ) felect  
Thomas Cowdin ) men

fitchburg february 28<sup>th</sup> 1767

In obedeance to the Within Written order we have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at William Thurlos at a Chefnut Tree and Runing from thence threw Land of Nicholas Danforth to Land of John Thirften and mofes Thurlo and from thence to the Road that Goes to Ifaac Gibsons and from that Road bgining at a Chefnut tree at the Eaft of that ftrait to y<sup>e</sup> houfe of John White

and the Land Given by  
William Thurlo & John  
Thirften & Nicholas  
Daforth and mofes  
Thurlo and John White }

Pr John Thirfton  
John White  
Nicholas Danforth

Worcester fs Fitchburgh March 2<sup>d</sup> 1767

Captain Thomas Cowden being by the Town of Fitchburgh at their Annual Meeting on this Day Chofen to the office of Town Clark Took the Oath by Law Required to Enable him to Act as Such Attest

Town Clerk

Worcester fs March 2<sup>d</sup> 1767

The Several perfons Chofen to the Several offices in this Town at the Anual Meeting of this day of whom an oath by Law is Required Appeared And Took the oaths Required by Law for them to Take to Enable them to Execute their Various offices: Except the Town Treafurer and Tything men

attest Thos Cowdin Town Clark

march y<sup>e</sup> 9 Thomas Cowdin perenaly a peard before me and tuck the oath of a Town treafurer

Thos Wilder Juftice of peace

[35] Worcesters

(Seal) To Mr Isaac Gibson Constable for ye Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

In his majesties name you are Required to Warn all ye freeholders & other Inhabitants of sd Town qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble & meet att ye meetinghouse on ye twenty Seventh Day of this Instant march att one o Clock in ye after noon then & their being Duely mett & formd to act on ye articles following that is . . . . .

1 To Chuse a moderater for Government of sd meeting

2 To see What method ye Town Will Come into to provide preaching for ye future & Give ye Comitty Chose to provide preaching any further Instructions as they shall think proper

Hear off fail Not and make Return of this Warrant With your Doings there on to some one of us the subscribers att or before ye time above mentioned Given under our hands & seals this thirteenth Day of march & in ye seventh year of his majesties Reign A D 1767 . . . . .

Thomas Cowdin	} Select
Isaac Gibson	
Isaiah Witt	

Worcesters Fitchburg march ye 27 1767

In obedience to ye Within Written Warrant I have Notified & Waned ye free holders & other Inhabitants to appear att time & place within menfioned to act on ye articles with in mentioned according to ye tenor of ye Within Instrument

Isaac Gibson Constable

1 Voted & Chose Capt David Gooridge moderater of sd meeting

2 Voted to Not to act on ye second article in ye Warrant

ye meeting Dissolved . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[36] Worcester fs

(feal) To mr Isaac Gibson Cunftable for the town of  
fitchburg Greting

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the  
fre holdrs and other inhabitents of f<sup>d</sup> town qualified by  
Law to Vote in town a faers to a Sembl and met at the  
meting house on mondy the Eleventh Day of may next  
at two O Clock in the after noon then and their being  
Duely met and formd to act on the artcls folwing that is

1 To Chuef a moderater for Goverment of S<sup>d</sup> meting

2 To See Whether the town will a point a Day of  
fasting and prayer in order to ask Divine a Sistance in  
Giveing Som Gentelman a Call to Setle in the Gospel min-  
istry in this town . . . . .

3 To Vote What mineftrs the town will a ply unto to  
Carey on the Work of the Day . . . . .

4 To Chuef a Comite to a ply to those Gentelman  
that the town Shall See Cause to Chues . . . . .

here of faile not and make Return of this Warrent  
With your Dowings their on to sum one of us the subscribrs  
at or befor the time a bove mentned Given under our  
hands and feal this twenty second Day of april and in the  
seventh year of his majest Reign A D 1767

Thos Cowdin { Select  
Isaac Gibson {  
Isaiah Witt { men

Worester fs fitchburg may 11<sup>th</sup> 1767

in obediance to the Within Warent I have Notefid and  
Warnd the free holders and other Inhabitents to a pear at  
time and place With in mentned to act on the artcls With  
in mentned a Coring to the tenor of y<sup>e</sup> With instrement

Isaac Gibson Cuntble

at a Leguel meting of the fre holders and other in-  
habetn of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote  
in town metings on mondy the Eleventh Day of may A D  
1767 at the metin house in f<sup>d</sup> town

Thos Cowdin Town Clark



[37] 1 Voted and Chose Decon amos Kimall moder-  
ater . . . . .

2 Voted to a point thursdy the 21 Day of may to be  
Set a part for a Day of fasting and prayer in this town

3 Voted to a ply to the Revrent m<sup>r</sup> herington m<sup>r</sup>  
millens m<sup>r</sup> Winchefer adams & m<sup>r</sup> Gardner to Carey on  
the Work of the Day . . . . .

5 this meting Disolvd . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

Worcester fs

(feale) To mr Isaac Gibson Cunstabl for the town of  
fitchburg Greting—In his majests name you are Reqierd  
to Warn all the free holders and other Inhabitents quali-  
fied by Law to Vote in town a faers to a Semble and  
meet at the meting house on mondy the Eleventh Day of  
this Infent may at five O Clock in the after noon then  
and their being Duely met and formd to act on the artels  
folowing . . . . .

here of fale not and make Return of this Warrent  
With your Dowings there on to sum one of us at the  
time and place a bove mentned Given under our hands  
and Seals this Eleventh Day of may and in the seventh  
year of his majests Reighn A D 1767

p<sup>r</sup> Thos Cowdin Isaac Gibson Isaiah Witt Select men

Worcester fs fitchburg may 11<sup>th</sup> 1767

In obediants to the Within Warent I have notified  
and warnd the fre holders and other inhabitents to  
a pear at time & place Within mentned to act on the  
artels Within mentned acording to tenor of the Within  
Instruement

ℙ Isaac Gibson Cunstabl

at a Legol meting of the fre holders and other inhabe-  
tents of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote  
in town metings on mondy the Eleventh Day of may  
A D 1767 at the meting house in f<sup>d</sup> town

1 Voted and Chose Decon amos Kimball moderater

2 Voted to Build the pulpet as fune as the stufe Can be provided . . . . .

3 Voted to order the Commite to a Gree with fom workman to bueld the pulpet . . . . .

4 Voted to purtches an acor of Land Lying on the north fid of the meting house for a buering yard . . . .

5 the meting Disolved . . . . .

[38] Worcestre fs

(seal) To Iaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of fitchburg Greting

In his mjestes name you are Requird to Warn all the fre holders and other Inhabitents qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to a Semble and meet at the meting-house on mondy the first Day of June next at two of the Clock in the after noune then and their being Duly met and formd to act on the artcls folowing . . . . .

1 to Chuse a moderater for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meting

2 to See if the town Will a Loue Every freeholder to be a Voter in the Choice of a minester or Vote aney thing Refering ther to as they shall think proper . . . . .

3 to see if the town Will Vote to Call Some proper person to Settle in the Gospel ministrey in f<sup>d</sup> town and proced to a Choise . . . . .

4 to Vote sum fuetible sum of money to be paid such person so Chosen to Encorage and Enable him to settel in y<sup>e</sup> ministry in f<sup>d</sup> town and Likewise What sum of money they Will aneuely pay him as his salery . . . . .

5 article was not acted upon . . . . .

6 to Cuse a Comite for that purpus or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper . . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this Warrant to sum one of us the subscribers at or befor the Day a bove mentined Given under our hand and seale this sixteenth Day of may and in the seventh year of his majestes Reighn A D 1767

Isaa Gibson { Select  
Isaiah Witt { men

Worcester Fitchburg June 1<sup>st</sup> 1767

In obedience to the Within Written Warrant I have notified and Warned the free holders and other Inhabitants to a pear at time and place Within mentned according to the tenor of the Within Infrement

Isaac Gibbon Constable

At a Legal meting of the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg afsembled June 1<sup>st</sup> 1767

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Capt David Goodridge moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Every freholder be a voter in Chusing of a minestr

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Ainger to Settle in the Work of the Gospel miniftry in this Town . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to give mr Samuel Ainger one Hundred and thirty three pounds Six Shilings and Eight pence as a Settlement [39] to Encourage him to Settle With us in the Work of the miniftry and for his Support and main-  
taince so Long as he Shall Continue our minifter provided he Shall Settle among us that is the one half to be paid in one year after his ordination the other half in two years after his ordination . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Ainger as his yearly Salary Sixty pounds untill there shall be fixty families settled in Town after that to pay him annually sixty six pounds thirteen shilings and four pence

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin and m<sup>r</sup> John Thusten and mr John White a Comite to waite upon mr Samuel ainger to Suply the pulpet til he Gives his answer . .

The meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Ainger as his yearly Salary Sixty pounds untill there shall be fixty families settled in Town after that to pay him annually sixty six pounds thirteen shilings and four pence

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin and m<sup>r</sup> John Thuf-

ten and mr John White a Comite to waite upon mr Samuel ainger to Suply the pulpet til he Gives his answer . . .

The meting Disolvd . . . . .

Thos Cowdin town Clark

Septembr y<sup>e</sup> 6 1767

mr Samuel anger answerd his Call from the Town of fitchburg on the Negetive . . . . .

(seal) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs To Isaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of fitchburg Greting . . . . .

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants qualefied by Law to vote in town afaers to asemble and meet at the meting house on thursdy the twenty fourth Day of this Instant Sepr at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duly met and form to act on the artcls following . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderater for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town Will Give m<sup>r</sup> John payson or aney other Gentleman a Call to Setle in the Gosple ministry in this town and vote a futable Sum for his Settlemnt and Sallery . . . . .

or 3<sup>ly</sup> to See What method the town will Come into for to Supply the pulpet for the futter and vote aney thing Refering their to as they Shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a Commite to Suplie the pulpet for the futer or so Longe as the town f<sup>h</sup>all think proper . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to Se Whether the town Will Rase aney fum of money to pay for preching for the futter

6<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the town Will Rase aney fum of money to provide a School or Schools and to Chuse a Commite to provide a marster or marsters . . . . .

[40] Here of faile not and make Return of this Warant to Sum one of us the Subscribrs at or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this tenth Day of Sepr A D 1767

Thos Cowdin	}	Select meen for fitchburgh
Isaac Gibson		
Isaiah Witt		





MRS. HANNAH COWDIN.







Worcester fs fitchburg Sepr 23<sup>th</sup> 1767

in obedeaunce to the Within Written Warrant I have notified & Warned the fre holders & other Inhabitants to apear at time & place within mentond to act on the artcls Within mentoned acording to the tennor of the Within Instrument

Isaac Gibson Cunstable

at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of fitchburg asembled Sepr the 24 1767 . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Decon amos Kimball moderater

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Give mr John Payson a Call . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to give mr John Payson one Hundred and thirty three poundes Six Shillings and Eight pence as a Settlement to Encourage him to Settle With us in the Work of the Gospel miniftry and for his Support & main-  
tainance so long as he Shall Continue our minifter) provided he Shall Settle among us) the one half to be paid in one year after his ordination other half in two years after his ordination . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay mr John Payson (as his yearly Salary) fixty punds untill their fhall be fixty families Settled in Town after that to pay him annually fixty six pounds Thirteen shillings and four pence

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose mr John Thusten Thos Cowdin and John White be a Commite to Waite upon mr John Payson With the towns Call to Suply the pulpet till he Shall Give his answer . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Dismis the fixth artcl . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> the meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark

Worceftr fs To mr Isaac Gibson Cunstable for the town of fitchburgh Greting

(feal) In his majests name you are Requird to Warne all ye free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburg qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to asemble and meet at the meting house on mondy the

twenty third Day of this Instant Novembr at twelve O Clock then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the artcls folowing . . . . .

1 to Chues a moderater for Government of f<sup>d</sup> meting

2 to see if the town Will Rase any sum of money to Defray town Charges or to pay any Deets all Redy Contracted by the town

[41] Novembr the 23 1767

3 to See Whether method the town Will Com into to provid a scoole or or scools the year Insuing or vote any thing Refering their too

4 to See if the town Will Do any thing further towards finifhing the meting houle the year Insuing . .

5 to See if the town Will abate Jofhua Pools Rats in the year 1766 . . . . .

Here of fale not & make Returne of this Warrent With your Dowings there on to Sum Wone of us the Subscribr at on or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hand and seal this Ninth Day of Novembr and in the Eighth year of his majests Reighn A D 1767 fitchburgh November the 9 1767

Thos Cowdin } Select meen  
Isaac Gibfon } for fitchburgh

Worcestr fs In obediant to the Within Written Warrent I have Notified and Warned the free holders & other Inhabitents to a peare at time and place Within mentned to act on the artcls Within mentned according to the tenor of the Within Instrument . . . . .

Fitchburgh November the 23 1767

Ifaac Gibson Cunstable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitents of town of fitchburgh afembled Novembr the 23 1767

1<sup>ly</sup> Cofe Capt David Goodridge moderater . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rase thirty pounds to pay for preaching

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rase fifty five pounds to pay mr Baldwine and to pay other town Charges . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rase Eight pounds to provide a Scool or  
Sools . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Capt David Goodridge Decon amos  
Kimball and John thuften be a Comite to provide a Scool  
or Sools . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Reconfidred the scool money being Laid  
out in two places in town . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that three quarters of the money be laid out  
in two places the other quarter be Laid out in two parts  
that is m<sup>r</sup> fullams Corner & m<sup>r</sup> hartwells Corner . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rais thirteen pounds six shilings and  
Eight pence to laid out in bulding the stares up the Gal-  
erys and Laing the Galery flooers and buelding the breft  
work Round the Galerys . . . . .

[42] 9<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to abate m<sup>r</sup> Jofhua pools Rats  
in the year 1766

the meting Disolvd . . . . .

(Seele) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs To mr Ifaac Gibfon Cunstable for  
the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majestes name you are Requird to Warn all the  
fre holders and other Inhabitents qualified by Law to  
vote in town afaers to asemble & meet at the meting  
house on mondy the twenty third Day of this Instint  
Novembr at four O Clock in the after noon then and their  
being Duely assembled to act on the artcls folowing . .

1 to Chues a moderater for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meting

2 to See if the town Will make aney additon to m<sup>r</sup>  
John Paysons Salery in Regard to finding him his Wood  
or vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall think  
proper . . . . .

Here of faile not and make Due Return of this War-  
ent With your Dowings to sum one of us at or befor the  
time above mentned Given under our hands and seele at  
fitchburgh this twenty first Day of Novembr & in the  
Eighth year of his majestes Reign A D 1767

Thos Cowdin	}	Select meen for fitchburgh
Ifaac Gibson		
Ifaiah Witt		

Worceſtr ſs In obedience to the Within Written War-  
ent I her by Notife and Warn the free holders & other  
Inhabitents to a pear at time and place Within menſhned  
to act on the artcls Within mentned acording to the tenor  
of y<sup>e</sup> within Inſtrement fitchburgh Novemer the 23 1767  
Ifaac Gibſon Cunſtable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other In-  
habitents of the town of fitchburgh aſembld Novembr the  
23 1767

Thoſ Cowdin town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Choſe Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge moder-  
ater . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to find m<sup>r</sup> John Payſon his Wood aneuely  
that is from year to year ſo Long as he fhall Contnu our  
mineſtr that is find and provide thirty Cords of Wood  
a Greabl to his Request ſent to the town under his hand  
Dated Novembr the 23 1767

the meting Diſolvd

Thoſ Cowdin Town Clark

[43] Decembr the 16 1767

Novembr the 30 1767

mr John Payſon Gave his anſwer in the affermitive and  
Axepted of the towns Call to Settle in the Work of the  
Gospel miniftry in this town

Thoſ Cowdin Town Clark

(ſeale) Worceſtr ſs To mr Isaac Gibſon Cunſtable for  
the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majeſts name you are Requird to Warn all the  
free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitch-  
burgh qualeſid by law to Vote in town afaers to aſemble  
and meet at the meting houſe on Wenſdy the ſixteenth Day  
of this Inſtent Decembr at one O Clock in the after noon  
then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the  
artcls ſolowing . . . . .

1 to Chuſe a moderater for Goverment of ſ<sup>d</sup> meting

2 to See What method the town Will Come Into in  
Regard to aponitng a Day to ordain m<sup>r</sup> John payſon or



vote aney thing Referring there to as they fhall think proper . . . . .

3 to have thofe perfons that have aney Demands on the town to bring in their a Compts in order for a settlement . . . . .

4 to See if the town Will Give back the Deed of the acre of Land Deeded to the town for a Buering yard by Thos Cowdin

Here off fail not and make Returne of this Warrent With your Dowings their on to Sum Won of us the Subscribers at or before the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seal this Second Day of Decembr and in the Eight year of his mjefts Reign A D 1767

fitchburgh Decr the 2 1767 Thos Cowdin } flect meen  
Ifaac Gibfon } for fitchburgh

Worceftr fs Fitchburgh Decr the 16 1767 . . . . .

In obedience to the Within Written Warrent I have Notified & Warned the free holders and other Inhabitance to apear at time and place Within mentioned to act on the artikles Within mentioned acording to the tenor of the Within Instrument

Ifaac Gibfon Cunstable

[44] at a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitchburg afembled Decembr the 16 1767

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup>...voted and Chofe Liut Ruben Gibfon moderater

2<sup>ly</sup>...voted and apointed the Wensdy the 27 Day of Janeuery 1768 to ordain m<sup>r</sup> John payson . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup>...voted to Send for Church of Walpole & actown & Chelse . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup>...voted to Send for the two Churches in of Lan- ceft<sup>r</sup> and the Church of Luninburgh & the first Church of Leominft<sup>r</sup> and the Church of Wefminft<sup>r</sup> and the Church of Shirley

5<sup>ly</sup>...voted that Capt David Goodridg Decon amos Kimball & John Thuften be a Comite to notefie the

Churches Sent for to afsift in the ordenation of m<sup>r</sup> John payson . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup>...voted that Decon Kimball & Ephriam (the Decons Kimball provide for & Entertain the Counfel l aloud at the ordenation of mr John payson & that the town pay five Dolers to Decon Kimball and five Dolers to Ephriam Kimball for that Serves paid Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball his five Dolers . . . . . 1 10 paid

7<sup>ly</sup>...voted to alow Thos Cowdin his a Count Which is . . . . . £2 s2 d6 paid

and also to alow Ifaac Gibson his acont Which is . . . . . 0 16 0 paid

9<sup>ly</sup>...voted to and alow Decon amos Kimball his account Which is . . . . . 2 15 0 paid

10<sup>ly</sup>...voted and Gave back the Deed of the acre of Land Dedded to the town by Thos Cowden for a buering yard

the meting Difolvd . . . . .

Thos Cowdin town Clark

1768 march the 7 the anual meting att fitchburgh (feal) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs To mr Ifaac Gibson Cunstable for the town fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In His majests name you are Requird to Warn all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the town qualified by Law to vote in town afaers to asemble and meet at the meting house on mondy the seventh Day of march next at Nine O Clock in the four noon then and their being Duely meet & formd to act on the artels folowing

1 to Chuefe a moderater for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meting

2 to Chuefe Select meen and other town oficers . .

3 to Exept of Such town Roads as Shall be Laid out by Select men or their order . . . . .

4 to Raeße money to mend the high Ways & vote aney thing Referring there to as they fshall think proper

5 to heare the a Counts of those that have Dun Serves for the town & to Rafe money for to Defray tow Charges

[45] march y<sup>e</sup>

6 to see the town Will abate such Rats as fshall be

Laid befor town from the feveral Cunftables or aney other Perfons

7 to heare the a Counts of the town trefhror from the Select meen

8 to fee if the town Will Rafe money to provide the town With Waits and mefhors or aney other town artcls as the town fhall think proper . . . . .

9 to fee if the town Will Let the Swine Run at Large year Infuing . . . . .

10 to See What method the town Will take to provide a fuport for m<sup>rs</sup> Harts maintanance and vote aney thing Refering thir to as they fhall think proper . . . .

Here off faile not and make Return of this Warent With your Dowings there on to fum one of us the Subscribers at on or before the Day a bove mentfhned Given under our hand and Seal this nintenth Day of febuery and in the Eighth year of his majefts Reighn A D 1768

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	} Select meen for fitchburgh
Ifaac Gibfon	
Ifaiah Witt	

Worceftr fs march the 7 1768

In obeidance to the Within Ritten Warent I have Notified & War the free holderf & other inhabitants to appear at time and place Within menfhned to act On the artcls Within menched acording to the tenor of the Within Infrement

Ifaac Gibfon Cunftable

att a Legal meting of the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh afembled on march the 7 1768

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Cofe Decon amos Kimball moderater . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Chofe Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Decon Kimball & Ifaac Gibfon  
Select meen . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Chofe Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin town Clark . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Chofe Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin town trefhror . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Chofe Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Cunftable . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Exepte Ebenezer Bridge to Serve Cunstable in <sup>fd</sup>  
Cowdins Rume . . . . .

[46] 7<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood & Caled Upton War-  
dens . . . . . Wardens

8<sup>ly</sup> Chose Elifha fullam Phinehas Steward Phinehas  
Hartwell Ebenezer Bridge James Gray high Way Colec-  
tors . . . . . high Way Colectors

9<sup>ly</sup> Chose Phinehas Steward Elifha fullam tithin  
meen . . . . . tithin meen

10<sup>ly</sup> Chose Ephriam Smith Edward Scott Dear  
Reves . . . . . Deer Reves

11<sup>ly</sup> Chose John Bufs max Jewet fier Wards . fier Ward

12<sup>ly</sup> Chose William Thurlo Nehemiah fuller Eliphlet  
mace hog Reves . . . . . hog Reves

13<sup>ly</sup> Chose Soloman Steward Survare of Clabords and  
Shingels . . . . . Clabords & Shingels

14<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood Svaer of hups &  
Staves . . . . . hups & Staves

15<sup>ly</sup> Chose William Thurlo Seler of Lether . . . Seler  
of Lether

16<sup>ly</sup> Chose Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Nehemiah fuller fence Vew-  
ers . . . . . fence vers

17<sup>ly</sup> Chose Charls Willard Ifaac Gibfon field Driv-  
ers . . . . . field Drivers

18<sup>ly</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge a Colector to Colect  
the Land tax Granted by the Grat and Generol Corte on  
the Non Refadent propriotrs Land Lying in the town of  
fitchburg that is one half peny pur acre . . . Colector  
of the Land tax

19<sup>ly</sup> Exepte the Road Laid out from mr Thos  
Palmors Land if Given to the old Road

20 . artcle not Exepte

21<sup>ly</sup> exepte of the Road that Leds from the End of  
the old Road Runing by m<sup>r</sup> Thos Harries to Kilpatrick's  
Land and through Kilpatrick's Land & through thos Har-  
rises Land to Joseph Downes Land and through <sup>fd</sup> Land  
of Joseph Downs til it Coms to [47] Land of m<sup>r</sup> francis  
fullam or Timothy fullams Land if Given by the owners  
of the Land . . . . .

22<sup>ly</sup> Exepte of a Road from John Bufs hous through f<sup>d</sup> Bufs Land to Land of mr hotten and m<sup>r</sup> Goodridges and mr Olivers if Given by the oner of the Land . . .

23<sup>ly</sup> Exepte of the Road beginings at moses thurlos Line between moses Land and William thurlows Runing by moses hous & barn to the north Ent of f<sup>d</sup> thurlos Wal through moses thurlos paster one Rodd and an half til it Coms to mr hobys Land and then two Rods Wide til it Coms to the old Road nere James Grays house and markt the trees on the Wesderdly side of f<sup>d</sup> Exepte if Given by the oners of the Land

24<sup>ly</sup> Exepte of a Road through Edward Scotts Land two Rods Wide from the old Road through Comon Land til it Coms to Land of Phinehas Hartw and through f<sup>d</sup> hartwells Land til it Coms to Land of Caled uptons and through Caled uptons Land til it Coms to Land of Ephriham Smiths and through f<sup>d</sup> Smiths Land til it Coms to the County Rod and markt the tres on the south fid of f<sup>d</sup> Road and Exepte by the town Given by the oners of the Land . . .

25<sup>ly</sup> Exepte of a Road two Rods Wide begining at fots old Road By a small Chesnot stand Runing South through m<sup>r</sup> Eb<sup>r</sup> Bridges Land and through his fathers Land and through mr Browns Land and through mr olivers Land and through mr Joseph Lows Land til Coms to Land of Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins then turning West over punch Brook fow Cald then Runing on mr olivers Land between f<sup>d</sup> Cowdins Land and m<sup>r</sup> olivers til it Coms to the old County Road near the Bridge above the mil pond and Exepte by the town if Given by the oners of the Land

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Elow of the alteration made by m<sup>r</sup> Kindal Boutal in turing the Rod near his hous and Axeped by the town

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe fixty pounds to mend y<sup>e</sup> high Ways this present year and to Work it out as the Custom of the town hath bin that is Every sevaer one Day With his hands on the County Road & on the spot to aLow /4<sup>d</sup> pur ouer for a man that Works £60

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted and ordrd the survaers of high Way for the year 1767 Work out the Remain of their high Way

Rats by the Laft of June 1768 or Colect and pay the money to the town trefhror

[48] 29<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow mofes thurlo for Plank 9 4 paid

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Dcon John Thuften for Bording mr alden and Keping his hors . . . . . 1 10 0 paid

31<sup>ly</sup> Voted to a Low Ephriham Kimball for Keping the Revrant m<sup>r</sup> Payfons hors . . . . . 0 9 8 paid

32<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aLow Dcon amos Kimball for Bording the Revrant mr Payfon and Keping his hors . 4 3 0 paid

33<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow famuel Hodgkins for fawing plank for abridge . . . . . 0 4 10 paid

34<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Samuel Hodgkins his Rats in Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimballs List . . . . . 0 9 8 paid

also Thos Palmors Rats in Kimballs List 0 13 10 paid

35<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Axept of the town trefhrors accounts from the felect meen

36<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Let the fwine Run at Large the prefont year

37<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay m<sup>r</sup> Witt for Bording m<sup>rs</sup> Hart Wone Whole year four Pounds & fow in proporton by the Weke in Cafe fhe fhould not Live til the year is Expird 4 00 0 paid

The meting Defolvd

the Sevrall Town oficers tuk the oaths Reqird by Law  
Thos Cowdin town Clark

fitchburgh febuery the 5 1768

We have Laid out a two Road begining at y<sup>e</sup> Weftredly Line of Ebenezer Bridges Land through Edward Scotts Land then through Comon Land til it Coms to Phinehas Hartwells Land & through f<sup>d</sup> Hartwells Land til it Coms to Land of Caleb Uptons & through f<sup>d</sup> Uptons Land til it Coms to Land of Ephriam Smith and through f<sup>d</sup> smiths Land til it Coms to the County Rode betwen Caleb Uptons & Ephriams Smiths and markt treefe on the foutherdly fide of the Rode and Exepted by the town Given by the oner of the Land

Thos Cowdin { Select men  
Ifaac Gibfon { for  
Ifaiah Witt { fitchburgh



[49]            fitchburgh febuery y<sup>e</sup> 9 1768

We have Laid a two Rode Road begininge at the old Rode Where it Enters Edward Scotts Land at a small Chefnot tree Runing south upon Land of Ebenezer Bridges then through m<sup>r</sup> John Bridges Land of Lexenton then throu Land of m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lows then through mr Olivers Land of Salom til it Coms to Land of Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins then turns Westrdly over punch Brook then Runs upon f<sup>d</sup> olivers Land Joyning to f<sup>d</sup> Cowdins Land til it Coms to the County Road near the Bridge & markt tres on the Eferdly side of the Rode and Exepted by the town if Given by the oner of the Land

Ifaac Gibson } Select men  
Ifaiah Witt    } for  
                              } fitchburgh

fitchburgh febuery the 6. 1768

We have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at the town Line betwen Thos Palmers Land and the town Line through Comon Land to the old Rod Runing North & markt trees on the Eferdly side of f<sup>d</sup> Road . . . .

then Begining at Josiah Colledges frame Runing a north point on Land Belongin to f<sup>d</sup> Colledges or Elifha fullams til it Coms to Land of francis fullams and markt the tres on the Eferdly side of f<sup>d</sup> Road and Exepted by the town if Given by the oners of the Land . . . .

also a two Rode Road from y<sup>e</sup> Ende of the town Road by mr Tho<sup>s</sup> Harrifes through Samuel Kilpatrick's Land til it Coms to Land of Tho<sup>s</sup> Harrifes fow through f<sup>d</sup> Harrifes Land til it Coms to Land of Joseph Downes Land and fow through f<sup>d</sup> Downes Land til it Coms to Land of francis fullams or Timothy fullams and markt the trees on y<sup>e</sup> southerdly side of f<sup>d</sup> Rode and Exepted by the town if Given by the owners of the Land . . . .

also a two Rode Road Begining at John Bufses hous through f<sup>d</sup> Bufs is Land til it Coms to Land of mr Elezer Hottons fow through f<sup>d</sup> Hottons Land til it Coms to Land of Joshua Goodridges til it Coms to Land of mr olivers fow through mr olivers Land til it Coms to the town Rode Leding from Ep<sup>h</sup> OZburns to the metinghous

and markt tres on the south side of f<sup>d</sup> Rode Exepte by the town if Given by the owners of the Land . . . .

[50] also a two Rode Road from mofes thurlos Line btwen William Thurlos Land and mofes thurlos by mofes thurlos house and barn til it Coms to the north End of f<sup>d</sup> mofes thurlos Wall through f<sup>d</sup> mofes pafter one Rod and a half til it Coms to mr Hobys Land and then two Roads through f<sup>d</sup> hobys Land til it Coms to the old Road Near James Grays hous and markt the tres on the Westterdly sid of f<sup>d</sup> Rod and Expte by the town if Given by the oners of the Land

Thos Cowdin	} Select
Isaac Gibson	
Isaiah Witt	
	meen for
	fitchburgh

may the 23 1768

(sele) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs To m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the fre holders & other inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to asemble and meet at the metinghous house on mondy the twenty third Day of this instant may at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and fomd to act on the artcls folowing . . . . .

1 to Chuese a moderater for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meting

2<sup>ly</sup> to See What method the town Will take to ansuer the Ginerall Coarts Request in Joyning With the town of Lancestor to have one Supearer Coart & two Coarts of the quarter Sasons held their and Vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to see Whether the town Will build the bridge new over the River near frenches or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> by a Request from the pue Committey—that is to see if the town Will Consider Edward Scott upon account of a pue he Claims in the metinghouse or defend the Com-mity from aney Deficalty that may arise or do aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper . . .

here off faile not and make Return of this Warrent to sum won of us With your dowings their on at or before

the time above mentned Given under our hands and seal  
this ninth day of may and in the Eighth year of his  
majests Reighn A D 1768

Thos Cowdin {  
Amos Kimball { Select meen  
Isaac Gibson { for fitchburgh

[51] In obedience to the Within Warrant I have  
Warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the  
town of fitchburgh that are qualified by Law to Vote in  
town afaers to asemble and meet at the time and place to  
act on the above mentned artels in this warrent

fitchburgh may the 23 1768

Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Bridge Cunstable

At a Legal meting of the free holdars and other inhabi-  
tants of y<sup>e</sup> town of fitchburgh asembld may the 23 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Deon Kimball moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Chose Thos Cowdin John White & Decon John  
Thuften be a Comite to anwser the Ginerall Coarts Request  
in a Count of their Request for having one Superior Coart  
and two Coarts of Coman pleas held at Lancestr

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to builde the bridge over the River by  
frenches by the towns Genirosite . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted and agreed upon by the two partes on  
acount of the pue in Contest ond by Phinehas Steward  
Which pue Edward Scott Claims is Given up by f<sup>d</sup> stew-  
ard to f<sup>d</sup> Scott upon Condition that f<sup>d</sup> Scott pays thirty  
Shilings and pays also What money the towns Comite  
Dignefied the pue Grownd at to said steward & further  
more both partys that is f<sup>d</sup> Edward Scott and f<sup>d</sup> phine-  
has Steward Each of them agreed and actualy fined the  
towns Vote both of them never to make aney un Easiness  
further about f<sup>d</sup> pue if the money be paid by f<sup>d</sup> scott in  
one Weke from this Day being the 23 Day of may 1768

Edward Scott

phinehas Steward

a true Cope of the towns Vote  
the meting Disolvd

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

Septembr y<sup>e</sup> 19 1768

Worceftr fs

(seal) To mr Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majests name you are Requird to Warn all the free holders & other inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh qualified by law to Vote in town afaers to asemble & meet at the meting house on mondy y<sup>e</sup> nintenth Day of Sepembr next at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the artcels folowing . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderater for Goverment of s<sup>d</sup> meting

[52] 2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town Will Rafe money to pay the Reverent m<sup>r</sup> payson the one half of his Setelment according to the towns vote . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town Will Rafe money to pay Revrent m<sup>r</sup> paysons salery from his ordonation for one year . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town Will Rafe money to suport a Scool or Scools or vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town Will Rafe money to pay for buelding the pulpet or vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town Will Search into the Setelment of the Eftate of Samuel hart Defest and to see if the Widos thirds are not alowd to her by the Judge or bonds taken for the incomb of hir thirds . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town Will alow those persons Who have or shall Work out moer then their high Way Rats this present year in the next years high Way Rats . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this Warent With your Dowings their on to sune Wone of us the subscribers at on or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hand & Seal this 29 Day of august & in the Eighth year of his majests Reign A D 1768

Thos Cowdin	} Select meen
Amos Kimball	
Ifaac Gibson	

In obedience to the Within Warent I have Warnd all the free holders & other inhabitants qualified by Law to

vote in town afaers to asemble and meet at the time & place Within mentned

fitchburgh Septembr y<sup>e</sup> 19 1768

Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh asembled on Septembr the 19 1768

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Decon Amof Kimball moderater . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Votd to Rafe fixty six pounds thirten shilings & four pence to pay mr John pason the one half of his Setelment acording to the vote of the town sot forth in his Call . . . . . £66 13 4

[53] 3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Rais fixty pounds to pay the Reverent mr John payson his salery for the first years salery . . . . . £60 00 0

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Rais Eight pounds to provid schooling for the year in suing and to Lay out three quarters in two places the other quarter to be Laid out in mr Elifha fulams Corner and mr phinehas Hartwells Corner . 8 00 0

5<sup>ly</sup> voted that moses Thurlo Kindal Boutwal & Nehemiah fuller be a Comite to provid a scool master and a place or places Convenent to Keep 1<sup>st</sup> school . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Rafe twenty three pounds fix shilings and Eight penc to pay for Buelding the pulpt in the meting house . . . . . 23 6 8

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to farch in to setelment of the Eftate of Samuel Harte Eftate Defest and that Thos Cowdin or Decon Kimball be apointed to farch into the Setelment of 1<sup>st</sup> Eftate to see if the Widos thirds are not securd to her or bonds taken for the inconb of 1<sup>st</sup> thirds for maintainanc of 1<sup>st</sup> Wido . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to alowe the high Way sevaers to Work out What they think nesesery over and above the taxes this present year and that they shall be alowd the next year out of their high Way Rats . . . . .

the meting Difolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark



Worster: fs . . . . September y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1768 . . .

To m<sup>r</sup>: Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable for the town of Fitchburgh Greeting: In his majestyes Name you are Required to Warn all the Free-Holders and others: Inhabitan-  
tance of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualefide By Law to Vote in Town Afares to Asemble and meet at the meting house on monday the Nineteenth of this Instant September at four oClock in the after Noon then and there Being Duly met and Form:d to Act on the Articles Foloing:

first to Chuse a moderater for Government of Said meting: Secondly To See If the Town Will Chuse a Com-  
mittty According to the Request of the Select men of Boston Sent to this town to Desire Said town to Call a town meting To Consider the Present Critacle Situation of the Govements afaiers or Vote Any thing Refering their to: as they Shall Think Proper: . . . . .

Hereof Fail Not and make Return of this Warrent at on or before the Time above Said Given under our hands and Seal this Nineteenth Day of September and in the Eighth year of his majestyes Reign A D: 1768 . . . . .

Thomas Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball	

Worster: fs: In obedance to your Warrent I have Warned all the freeholders and others Inhabitan-  
tance to met at the meting house afore menchoned

Fitchburgh September y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>: 1768

Ebenez<sup>r</sup> Bridges Cunstable

[54] at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabitants inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh asembled on Septr the 19 1768

Thos<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge moderater . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> vted and Chose the honarable Edward Hartwell Esq<sup>r</sup> to be agent for the town of fitchburg to Joyn the Comite of the town of Bofton acording to their Request sent by the Gentelmen select meen of bofton sent to the town of fitchburgh . . . . .

then the meting Difolvd

Thos Cowdin town Clark



march y<sup>e</sup> 6 1769

(feal) Worces<sup>tr</sup> fs

To mr Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable for the town of  
fitchburg Greting . . . . .

In his mgestes name you are Requird to warn all the  
free holders and other Inhabitents of the town of fitch-  
burgh by Law to vote in town afaers to asemble & meet  
at the metinghouse on mondy the fixth Day of march  
next at Nine O Clock in the foure noon then & their  
being Duely meet & formd to act on the articles folowing

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderater for Goverment of s<sup>d</sup> meting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse Select meen & other town oficers for the  
year Ifuing

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will alow m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Steward  
Cunstable four pounds Lawfull money which s<sup>d</sup> steward  
sayth was not alowd him when he Recond with the town  
treffhor by a Resept which s<sup>d</sup> Steward found after their  
setlment . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to make provifon for the maintaine of m<sup>rs</sup> Hart

5<sup>ly</sup> to Rase money to Repare bridges & mend the high  
ways or vote aney thing Refering ther to as they shall  
think proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to Exept of such high ways as shall be Laid out  
by the Select meen or their order . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to Exept of such accounts as shall appear to be Due  
from the town . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town wont bueld a pownd . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to see if town will alow the fwine to Run at Large  
the year Infuing . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will abate Timothy parkers  
Rats in phinehas Stewards Rates . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Discontinue a Roade Laid  
out from m<sup>r</sup> Witts through moses Thurlos Land & James  
Grays Land to the old Roade Leding to Lunenburg also  
to see if the town will Discontinue the Rode from mr Witts  
to moses & william thurlos

[55] Here off fale not & make Return of this war-  
rent with your Dowings there on to Sum one of us the  
Subscribers at or before the Day above mentned Given  
under our hands & Seals this seventeenth Day of this

Infntent febuery & in the Ninth year of his mgefts Reign . .  
A D 1769

Thos Cowdin }  
Amos Kimball } Select meen  
Ifaac Gibfon } for fitchburgh

fitchburgh march the 6 1769

in obedance to the within warent I have warnd all  
the free holders & other inhabitants of the town of fitch-  
burgh qualified by Law to vote in town afaers to asemble  
and meete at the mtngthouse on the fixth Day of march to  
act on the artcls of the within written Warent

pr Ebenezer Bridge Cunstable

at a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabi-  
tents of the town of fitchburgh asembled on march the 6  
1769

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

- 1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Decon John Thufsten moderater . . . .  
2<sup>ly</sup> Chose Thos Cowdin & Ifaac Gibfon & Decon John  
Thufsten . . . . . Select meen  
3<sup>ly</sup> Chose Thos Cowdin . . . . . town Clark  
4<sup>ly</sup> Chose Thos Cowdin . . . . . town trefhror  
5<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood . . . . . Cunstable  
6<sup>ly</sup> Chose James Litch & James Gray . . . wardens  
7<sup>ly</sup> Chose William Thurlo & Eph<sup>m</sup> OZburn & Nehe-  
miah fuller francis fullam & phiniheas Hartwell & Thos  
Cowdin and that Each Survaer work one Day on the  
County Road With ther Respective Deftricts Wheir it fhall  
apear moft nedfull and the surveyer be Colectors . Survoir  
of high Ways  
8<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jefse french & Jofeph Downe . tiethen meen  
9<sup>ly</sup> Chose Ephraim Smith & Nichlos Danforth . . Dere  
Reves  
10<sup>ly</sup> Chose phinehas Hartwell & Ebenezer Bridge &  
Kindal Boutall . . . . . fier Wards  
11<sup>ly</sup> Chose Ichabod Smith & William Steward & Sam-  
uel Peirce & mordaci moors . . . . . hog Reves  
12<sup>ly</sup> Chose Soloman Steward furvoyr of . . Survoyr  
of Clabords & Shingls  
13<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood . . culer of ftaves & hups

- 14<sup>ly</sup> Chose William Thurlo . . . . . Lether Seler  
 15<sup>ly</sup> Chose Decon Thuften & Capt Goodridge . fier wards  
 [56] 16<sup>ly</sup> Chose John White & John Bufs . field Drivers  
 17<sup>ly</sup> Chose Capt Goodridge Colector of the nonrefedants  
 proprietar Land tax . . . . . Colector of Land tax  
 18<sup>ly</sup> Vted to Difmis phinehas Steward Request . . .  
 19<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow mr witt five pownds fix shilings &  
 Eight pene to Bord mrs Hart one year and same proporton  
 by the weke in cafe she should not Live til the year is  
 Expred . . . . . 5 . 6 8 pd  
 20<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe sixty pownds to Repair Bridges  
 and mend high Ways . . . . . 60 00 0  
 21<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the High Way tax be workd out by  
 the frst Day of Novembr next . . . . .  
 22<sup>ly</sup> voted to Exept Such Rodes as ar Given by the  
 owner of the Land  
 23<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Exept of a 2 Roade Rode through Caleb  
 uptons Land from phinehas Hartwells Land by f<sup>d</sup> upons  
 house to the County Road and Exepted if Given  
 24<sup>ly</sup> aloud m<sup>r</sup> Witt his acount . . . . . 00 14 9 pd  
 25<sup>ly</sup> aloud Thos Cowdins acount . . . . . 00 15 7 pd  
 26<sup>ly</sup> aloud Ifaac Gibsons acount . . . . . 00 15 4 pd  
 27<sup>ly</sup> aloud Decon amos Kimball acount . . . . . 00 5 4  
 28<sup>ly</sup> aloud Nehemiah fuller acount . . . . . 00 5 0 paid  
 29<sup>ly</sup> voted to buelde a pownd with Logs and that the  
 Select meen be a comite . . . . .  
 30<sup>ly</sup> voted that Every perfon in town com & work at  
 f<sup>d</sup> pownd or pay his proporton in money  
 31<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Swine Run at Large being well  
 yockt and Ringd . . . . .  
 32<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate Timothy parkers Rats in phinehas  
 Stewards Lift . . . . . 00 10 0 paid  
 33<sup>ly</sup> voted to Discontinue the Roade through moses  
 thurlos and James Grays Land Leding to the old Roade  
 Which Leds to Lunenburgh . . . . .  
 [57] 34<sup>ly</sup> voted to Discontinue the Roade between  
 William Thurlo and moses Thurlos Lands Leding from mr  
 Witts . . . . .

also a two Roade Rode Given by moses thurlo through  
 his paster by his Barn near the stone wall now bult Led-

ing to Land of William Stewards—and also a two Roade Rode Given by William Steward through his Land near his house and so through 1<sup>st</sup> Stewards Land til it comes to the old County Roade nere James Grays house

the several Town officers took the oaths Required by Law  
The meting Disolved

Thos Cowdin town Clark

fitchburgh february the 28 1769

Laid out a two Roade Rode beginning at the Nor-westerdly Corner of Cornet Thos Carters Land Runing one Rode wide on Land of 1<sup>st</sup> Carters and the other Rode or halfe of 1<sup>st</sup> Road on Land belongin to m<sup>r</sup> Levi Whitcomb til it Comes to Bengiman Baleys Corner then one halfe on 1<sup>st</sup> Baleys Land til it Comes to the Laine that Leds to Cornet Carters house then on James Litches Land about 35 Rodes then turns on Land belongin to David or Ezra uptons til it Comes to the County Rode near James Litches house and markt markt the trees on the south side of said Roade with two notches mening two two Rods wide &c said Roade Laid out for Ruben Smith to com at his Land and the town is not to be at aney Cost or Charge til 1<sup>st</sup> Smith Lives on his Land . . . . .

also a two Road Rode beginning at the County Rode and Runs a westerdly pinte one Rode on mr Caleb uptons Land and one Rode on David or EZra Uptons Land til it Comes to the Land of Ezekel foulers & Runs through 1<sup>st</sup> foulers Land til it comes to mr Levi Whitcombs Land and markt the trees on the South Side of 1<sup>st</sup> Rode with tow notches mening two Rods Wide & one Rod wide Given by m<sup>r</sup> Caled Upton

Thos Cowdin {  
Amos Kimball { Select meen  
Isaac Gibson { for fitchburgh

Also a two Rode Roade beginning at or near Jonathan Woods house Runing Eft to the Wido marey holts fene or the Corner of her fence anthen a strait Line to Lunenburg Line and markt the trees on the south side of 1<sup>st</sup> Rode

Thos Cowdin {  
Amos Kimball { Select meen  
Isaac Gibson { for fitchburgh

[58]                      octobr ye 25 1769

(Seal) To mr Jonathan Wood Cunstable for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In His magestes name you are Required to warn all the free holders & other inhabitents qualified by Law to Vote in town afaers to asemble & meet at the metinghouse on wensdy the wenty fifth Day of this instent octobr at one o Clock in the after noon then and & their being Duely met and formd to to act on the artcles folowing . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderater for Goverment of <sup>rd</sup> metting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Rase money to pay m<sup>r</sup> John paysons Setelment and also his Salery for the present year . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Rase money to provide a Scool or Scooles or Vote aney thing thing Referring there to as the town Shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to Rase money to Defray town Charges or Vote aney thing their to as they fshall think proper . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> ly for those that have Dun Serves for the town to bring in their accounts . . . . .

Here of sale not and make Return of this Warrent with your Dowings there on to Sume one of us at or before the time above mentned Given under our hands & Seal this fifth Day of octobr and in the inth year of his majests Reign A D 1769

Thos Cowdin	}    Select
Ifaac Gibson	
John Thulsten	
}    meen for	
}    fitchburgh	

Worcestr fs fitchburgh octobr ye 25 1769

In obedeance to the within writen warrant I have warned the frea holders & other in habitents qualified by Law to Vote in town affaers to asemble & meet at the time and place within mentned to act on the artcls within mentned

Jonathan Wood Cunstable

at a Legal meting of the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh asembled on the 25 Day of octobr 1769

Thos Cowdin town Clark



- 1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Liut Ruben Gibbson moderater . . . . .
- 2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe one hundrd & thirty three pounds  
fix shilings and Eight penc to pay mr John paysons yearly  
falery and the Remainder of his Setelment . . . £133 6 8
- [59] 3<sup>ly</sup> Raifd Eight pounds to provide a Scool . £8 0 0
- 4<sup>ly</sup> and Decon John Thuften James Gray & Soloman  
Steward be a Comite to provide a Scool master . . . .
- 5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that three quarters of the money Laid out  
in two parts of the town the other quarter be Laid out  
in m<sup>r</sup> phinehas hartwells Corner & in mr Elifha fullams  
Corner . . . . .
- 6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe teen pounds to Defray town  
Charges . . . . . 10 0 0
- 7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue Thos Cowdins acount . 1 11 0 pd
- 8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue Ifaac Gibbons acount . . 00 5 4 pd
- 9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue John Thuftens acount . 00 4 0 pd
- The meting Difolvd . . . . .

Thos Cowdin town Clark

To all people To Whome these presents shall com Gret-  
ing Know ye that I Amos Kimball of fitchburgh in the  
County of Worcest<sup>r</sup> and provance of the mafachusets bay  
in New England Gent<sup>n</sup>. for & in Confideration of the Re-  
spect I have for the Inhabitants of the Town of fitch-  
burgh I here by Give Grant Convay and Confairm unto  
the inhabitants of f<sup>d</sup> town & to their heirs for Ever one  
acre of Land Lying and being in fitchburgh afore said  
begining at a pillar of stones Near my potash and Runs  
Southerdly Eight Rods then maks an angle and Runs  
twenty Rods Efterdly then mak an angle and Runs Eight  
Rods notherdly then mak an angle and Runs twenty  
Rods Westerdly to the bounds first mentned for the use  
and priveledge of a buering yard and that only

To have and to hold the said Granted & Given premises  
with all the privilege and benefit of a bueriang yard and  
a Commodations to the same belongin or in aney wise  
apertaning to them and their heirs for Ever and I the  
said amos Kimball for my self heirs Executors and admin-  
trators Do Covenant promis and Grant to and with the



inhabitants of the town of fitchburgh that before the  
Enseling here of I am the true and sole oner of the above  
Granted premises and have Good Right full power and  
Lawfull athorety to Grant Convay and to Confairm the  
faid premises in maner as aforefaid further I the aid amos  
Kimball for my self heirs Executers and adminiftrators Do  
covenant and Engage the above Demifed premises to the  
inhabitents of f<sup>d</sup> town and heirs against the Lawfull  
Claims or Demands of aney perfon or persons whatsoever  
for Ever hereafter to warrant secure and Defend by these  
prefents In witnes here unto I have fot to my hand and  
Seal this twenty third Day of Decembr A D 1769 and in  
the tenth year of his mjefts Reign in prefents of

\*Amos Kimball [Seal.]

David Goodridge  
Thos Cowdin

[60]                      Janeuery y<sup>e</sup> 11 Day 1770

(fele) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs To m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Wood Cunstable  
for the town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majestis name you are herby Requird to Warn  
all the fee holders & other Inhabitents of the town of  
fitchburgh qualfied by Law to vote in town afaers to  
asemble & meet at the meting house on thurfdy the  
Eleventh Day of this Instent Janeuery at ten O Clock in  
the fore noone then and their being Duely meet & formd  
to act on the artcls folowing . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderater for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the town will Come Into to  
buield & Repair the bridges in f<sup>d</sup> town Caried off by the  
Late flud or vote aney thing Refering their too as they  
fhall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to see whether the town wont omitt having aney  
Scoole this Winter & Reserve their Scoole money til next  
fall . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will omit the fine which Eliphlet  
mace Gave the town a note for or aney part of the fine &c

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\* These are actual signatures, and the seal is affixed to the page.  
[W. A. D.]

Here off faile not & make Return of this Warrent to  
sume one of us at or before the time above mentned Given  
under our hands & seale this Eighth Day of Janeuery &  
in the tenth year of his majestys Reign A D 1770

Thos Cowdin { Affsors  
Isaac Gibson { for  
John Thufon { fitchburgh

Worcestr fs In obediant to the within writen I have  
warned all the free holders & other inhabtants to meet &  
asemble at time & place within mentned

Jonathan Wood Cunstable

At a Legal meting of the inhabitents of the town of  
fitchburgh assembled on Janeuery the Eleventh 1770

Thos Cowdin town Clark

- 1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge moderater . . . .
- 2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to build the bridge in the old spot . . . .
- 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rase thirty pounds to Build & Repair the  
bridges in f<sup>d</sup> town . . . . . 30 00 00
- 4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Work the money out in the usel maner
- 5<sup>ly</sup> Chose soloman steward & phinehas Steward & John  
putman be a committe to buield the bridge
- 6<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to have aney scoole this winter but  
Referve their money til next fall . . . . .
- 7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate twenty Eight shilings out of forty  
shilings which was the fine Due to the town from Eliphlet  
mace for Giveing in a false Invoice to the affsors  
and their Remains Due to the town twelve shilings  
only . . . . . 00 12 00 paid

The meting Difolved

Thos Cowdin town Clark

[61]

1770 March 5<sup>th</sup>

(Seal) Worcester fs To Mr Jonathan Wood Consta-  
ble for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting —

In His Majistys Name you are Required to Warn all  
the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town Quali-  
fied by Law to Vote in Town Affairs to Assemble and  
Meet at the Meeting House On Monday the fifth day of

March Next at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon then their being duly meet and formed to Act on the following Articles Viz<sup>t</sup> —

1. To Choose a Moderator for Government of said Meeting

2 To Choose Select Men and other Town Officers . .

3 To Except of such Town Roads as fhall be Laid out by the Select Men or their Order . . . .

4 To Raise Money to Mend the high Ways and Vote any thing Refering thereto as they shall think Proper . .

5 To hear the Accounts of the Town Treafurer from the Select Men . . . . .

6 To see if the Town will Raife Money to Provide the Town with Weights and Meafures or any other Town Articles as the Town shall think Proper . . . .

7 To See if the Town will lett the Swine Run at Large the Year Enfuing . . . . .

8 To See what Method the Town will take to Provide a Support for M<sup>rs</sup> Hart's Maintenance and Vote any thing thereto as they shall think proper . . . .

9 To see if the Town will Relieve the Widow Mary Upton for Distresses Occasioned by Frowns of Divine Providence and Abate Her Husbands Rates. Rates on Ifaac Gibfon & Bridges List . . . .

Hereof fail not: and Make Return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to fum One of us the Subscribers At on on or before the Day above Mentioned. Given Under Our hand and feal this fourteenth day of February and in the Tenth Year of His Majistys Reign A D 1770

10 N B see what Method the Town will take in Re-building the Bridge Near Capt. Goodriges Occasion<sup>d</sup> by a floods Carrying of the said Bridge a Vote any thing referring thereto, as the Town fhall think Proper

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowden } Select Men for the  
John Thurston } Town of Fitchburg

[62] March 5<sup>th</sup> 1770 —

Worcefter fs In Obediance to the within Written Warrant I have warned all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to

Assemble and meet at the time and Place with in mentioned to Act on the Articles within Mentioned—

Jonathan Wood Conftable

At a Legal Meeting of the Freeholders & Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled On March the 5<sup>th</sup> 1770

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

- 1<sup>st</sup> Choose Capt. David Goodridge Moderator . . .
- 2<sup>d</sup> the same Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin. Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge & John White Select Men . . . . . Select Men
- 3<sup>d</sup> Thomas Cowden Town Clerk . . . . . Town Clerk
- 4 Thomas Cowden Town Treasurer . . . . . Town Treasurer
- 5 Choose Joseph Spafford Conftable and The Town Accepted of Deacon John Thurston in his Room . Conftable
- 6 Choose Charles Willard & James Pool Wardens . . Wardens
- 7 Choofe Phinehas Hartwell & sam<sup>l</sup> Pierce . . Tything Men
- 8 Choofe Soloman Steward & Hezekiah Hodgskin Surveyors of High ways & Kindal Boutell & Nichols Danforth & John Putmun & James Litch & Joseph Low to be Collector of high way Taxes . . high way Surveyors
9. Choofe Silas Snow & Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell be Deer Reives . . . . . Deer Reives
10. Choofe John Bufs & John Mudg fire Wards . fire Wards
11. Choofe David Pierce. Elijah Carter & Eliphalet Mace . . . . . Hog Reives
12. Choofe solomon Steward to be a surveyor of Clapboards & shingles . . . . . Clapboards & Shingles
- 13 Choofe Jonathan Wood to be a Culler of Staves & Hoops . . . . . Culler of Staves & Hoops
- 14 Choofe Ephraim Osborne & Phinehas Steward to be fence Viewers . . . . . fence Viewers.
- 15 Choofe William Thurlo Cealer of Leather . . Cealer of Leather
- [63] 16<sup>th</sup> Choose Mordecai Moores & Eliphalet Mace to be field drivers . . . . . Field Drivers
17. Fitchburgh October 5. 1769 Laid out a two Rod Road begining at M<sup>r</sup>. John Bufses Houfe & Runs through

fd Bufse,s land till it comes to Land of Mr Eleazer Houten so through Mr Houtens land till it comes to Mr Joshua Goodridges Land so through said Goodridges Land till it comes to Comon Land so through the Comon Land till it comes to Land of Deacon Amos Kimballs Land & through said Kimballs Land till it comes to the Road that leads from Hezekiah Hodgskin,s Road that leads to the Meeting House and Marked Trees on the South side of the road & Excepted if the land be given by the Owners

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowden	}	Select Men of Fitchburgh
Ifaac Gibfon		
John Thurston		

18 March 3<sup>d</sup> 1770 A two Rod Road laid out from Mr Benj<sup>a</sup> Jaquith<sup>s</sup> House Runing South Westerly till it comes to a Black Oak tree from that tree Runing through Comon Land to a Black Oak in Mr John Whites Land and through said Whites Land by the West end of his House till it comes to the Town Road & this be a Bridle Road and this Road given by Mr John White prefent at the Town Meeting for a Bridle Road . . . .

John Thurston	}	Comittee appointed by the Select Men
John White		

19 March 3<sup>d</sup> 1770 Laid out a two Rod Road by Order of the Select Men begining at Afhby line and Runing through Coll<sup>o</sup> Browns land and then through William Smalls Land and then thro', John Putnams Land and through Ifaac Gibfon Land to the Old Road that Leads to Afhby and Marked trees on the Easterly side of said Road . . . .

and the land given by W<sup>m</sup> Small John Putnam & Ifaac Gibfon Prefent at the Town Meeting . . . .

Ifaac Gibfon	}	Comittee appointed by the Select Men
John Putnam		
William Small		

[64] 1770 March 5<sup>th</sup>

20 Voted & Raised One hundred Pounds to Repare the high ways and to pay those that have worked more than hath been Afsef<sup>d</sup> on the Several Persons . . . £100

21 Voted that the Town pay for the Rum that was Expended at the several Bridges . . . .



22 Voted that the highway taxes be Worked out in the Usual Manner . . . . .

23 Voted & Accepted of the Town Treafurer Accounts as they stand by the select Men that is Due to Thos Cowden . . . . . £76..19.4

24 Voted that the select Men Provide a sett of Weights & Measures for the Towns use

25 Voted that the Swine run at Large being Lawfully yoked & Ringd

26 Voted to pay Mordecai Moores for Boarding Mr<sup>s</sup> Hart Three pounds Eight shillings & Eight pence for One whole year and so in proportion by the Week in Case that she should not live till the year is Expired . . . . .

27 Voted to abate Mr<sup>s</sup> Upton<sup>s</sup> pole tax in Mr<sup>s</sup> Isaac Gibfon & Ebenezer Bridges Lists . . . aloud Gibfon pd aloud m<sup>r</sup> Bridge . . . . . 1-2-6 pd

28 Voted to Accept of Deacon John Thurston Constable in the Room of Mr<sup>s</sup> Joseph Spafford . . Constable The Meeting Difolved—

The Sevrall Town officers tuck the oaths Riquird by Law

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

[65] Octobr the 1 1770—

(feal) Worcest<sup>r</sup> Is To mr John Thuston Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In His majests name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town a faers to a Semble and meet att the meting house on mondy the first Day of octobr next at one O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely met and formd to act on the artcls folowing . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderater for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money for the Rev<sup>rt</sup> mr John Payfons Salery for the year Insuing . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Raife money to provide a Scoole or Scooles and vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to have all persons bring in their a Counts that have Dun Serves for the Town . . . . .



5<sup>ly</sup> to Raife aney fum or fumes of money to Defray Town Charges as the Town fhall think proper . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to fee if Town will vote to have the Records Taken out of the old Town book and Enterd in the new book by the Town Clark and Compard by a Comite . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to fee if the Town Will a bate aney part of the Rates on Ebenezer Bridges List & also Ifaac Gibsons List

Here of faile not and make Returne of this Warrant with your Dowings there on to fume one of us at or befor the Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this Eleventh Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> and in the Tenth year of his majefts Reign A D 1770 . . . . .

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	} Select
David Goodridge	
John White	
	men for
	fitchburgh

Worceftr fs octobr the 1 1770 —

In obedience to the within Warant I have notifid the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh to apear at time and place mentned in to act on the artels incerted their in  
John Thufton Cunstable

[66] at a Legal meting of the fre Holders and other Inhabitants of Town of fitchburgh afembled on octobr the 1 1770 —

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose John White moderater

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe Sixty Six pounds thirteen and foure pene to pay the Reverant m<sup>r</sup> John Payson his Salery for the year Infuing . . . . . 66-13 4

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe five pounds thirteen fhilings and foure pence to be Laid out in Scooling . . . . . 5 13 4

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted That Ruben Gibson & Decon Kimball & Jonathan Wood be a Comite to provide a Scoole master and that 3 quarters of the money be Laid out 2 parts of the Town the other quarter be Laid out in phinehas Hartwells Corner & Boutals Corner of the Town

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdins a Count . . pd 3 11 3

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow m<sup>r</sup> Witts a Count . . . . pd 00 6 10-2

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Decon Thuftons a Count . pd 00 6 3

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Capt Goodridges a Count pd 00 10 8

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow John Whites a Count . . pd 00 2 6

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Joseph Polleys a Count . pd 00 1 6

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Ebenezer Bridges a Count pd 00 13 4

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Draft the old Records off the old Town Book and that Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridge & John White be a Comite to Compare the Records when Drafted by the Town Clark . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate out of Isaac Gibbons List of Town & provence Rate . . . . . paid Gibson 2 11 9-2

[67] 14<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Ebenezer Bridge two pounds five shilings on account of hildrecks & Noah Wizels Rates . . . . . pd 2 5 0

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise thirteen pounds six shilings & Eight pence to Defray Town Charges . . . . . 13 6 8

The Meting Difolved

Thos<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

march the 4 1771

(Seale) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs

To m<sup>r</sup> John Thuston Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Gretting

In his m<sup>j</sup>ests name you are Required to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Vote in Town afaers to assemble & meet at the meeting house on mondy the fourth Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure noon then & their being meet & formd to act on the articals folowing

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuefe a moderator for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Chuefe Select men & other Town officers for the year Infuing . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Exept of such Roads as are Laid out by the Select men or their order . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to Raise money to mend the high ways & Vote any thing Refering there to as they Shall Think proper

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Exept of the Town Treasurers accounts as they Stand Examined by the Select men

6<sup>ly</sup> to Raise money to Support m<sup>rs</sup> Hart or Vote any thing Refering there to as They shall Think proper . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the Town will abate Such Rates as fhall be Laid before the Town by the Cunftables or Vote any thing Refering there to as they fhall think proper . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the Town will Exept of fuch accounts as fhall be Laid before the Town . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to heare the accounts of the fevral Colectors of high way Taxes for the year pafst & Vote any thing Referring there to as they Shall Think proper . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> to fee if the Town will Take up the 2 hind feates & feel that Ground with the 2 alleys to the Highest bidder or Vote any thing Refering there to as they fhall Think proper . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> to bring in the Vots of the Town for a Cuntly Regstr . . . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> to fee if the Town will Exept of the Select mens Report in comparing the old Records as they are Taken off the old Book . . . . .

[68] 13<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Swine may Run at Large in Town the year Infuing . . . . .

Here of fale not & make Return of this warrant to Sume one of us the Subfcribors at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hand & feale this fourth Day of february A D 1771 & in the Eleventh year of his majefts Reign . . . . .

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	{	Select men for fitchburgh
David Goodridge		
John White		

Worceftr fs fitchburgh march the 4 1771

In obedience to the Within Warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of f<sup>d</sup> Town acording to the Towns Vote  
John Thufton Cunftable

At a Legal meting of the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh afembled march the 4 1771

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chofe Decon Amos Kimball moderator . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chofe Amos Kimball Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin & cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge Select men . . . . . Select men

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark . Town  
Clark

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Treafurer . Town  
Treafurer

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Ifaiah Witt Cunftable . Cunftable

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Jonathan Smith & Ebenezer Wood  
Wardens . . . . . Wardens

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Ephriham OZburn & Hezekiah  
Hodgkin Tythen men . . . . . Tythen men

8<sup>ly</sup> Chose cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge & Jefse french & max<sup>i</sup>  
Jewitt & Daniel putnam & Elijah Carter & Kindall Bou-  
tall & Eliphlet mace Colectors of high way Taxes high  
way Survaers

9<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan page & Icabod Smith Deere Reves  
Deer Reves

10<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jofhua parce & John Bufs fier wards fier  
wards

11<sup>ly</sup> Chose Icabod Smith & oliver Davis & Jonathan  
Holt & Ebenezer Thufston Hog Reves hog Reves

12<sup>ly</sup> Chose Soloman Steward Survar of Clabords &  
Shingels Clabords & Shingels

13<sup>ly</sup> Chose John Bufs Culler of hups & Staves Culler  
of hups & Staves

[69] 14<sup>ly</sup> Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Starns & Decon John Thufston  
fence Vewers fence vers

15<sup>ly</sup> Chose William Thurlo Seler of Lether Seler of  
Lether

16<sup>ly</sup> \* We have Laid out a 2 Rod Rode begining at m<sup>r</sup>  
Jonathan pages & abraham farwells Southerdly Divison  
Corner Runing Southerdly through m<sup>r</sup> Olivers Land to m<sup>r</sup>  
phinehas Hartwells Land & through f<sup>d</sup> Hartwells Land  
til it coms to Ebenezer Harringtons Land fo through f<sup>d</sup>  
Harringtons til it coms the Rode that Leeds from m<sup>r</sup> hart-  
wells Land to f<sup>d</sup> harringtons house fo by harringtons  
house on the South Side of f<sup>d</sup> house Runing Easterdly to  
or near the Spring then turns Southerdly & Runing through  
Comon Land to Land of moses perly fo through f<sup>d</sup> perlys  
Land to Land of Ebenezer Thufstons Down to f<sup>d</sup> Thufstons

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\* First location of part of Ashby West Road and Flat Rock Road.  
[Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]

house then Runing from f<sup>d</sup> Thuftens house strait to the old County Rode so folowing the old County Rode Down to the prentent County Rode at the Botom of pine hill so caled & markt trees on the Eafterdly Side of f<sup>d</sup> Rode

fitchburgh march the 11 1771 and Exepte if Given the f<sup>d</sup> Hartwell Referving all the timber in f<sup>d</sup> Road

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	}	Select men for fitchburgh
John White		

17<sup>ly</sup> \* We have Laid out a Rode Begining at holow a Litle below a yarde Caled m<sup>r</sup> David Goodels yard about one hundred Rods West of m<sup>r</sup> David Goodels saw mill Runing Eafterdly by f<sup>d</sup> mill til it Coms to the old Rode that Leeds by m<sup>r</sup> Goodels house then Turning north & Laid out a 2 Rode Road through f<sup>d</sup> Goodels Land til it Coms to Land of Icabod Smiths so through f<sup>d</sup> Smiths Land til it Coms to Land of francis fullams & the Land Given by f<sup>d</sup> Goodel & f<sup>d</sup> Smith through bothe of Their farms til f<sup>d</sup> Rode Striks francis fullams Land then Runing Strait by f<sup>d</sup> fullams house by the East End of f<sup>d</sup> house strait through f<sup>d</sup> fullams Land to Land of Joseph Downes so through f<sup>d</sup> Downes Land by the Eafterdly End of his house Where f<sup>d</sup> Rode mets the Town Rode Laid out by Select men as apears by the Records on the Town Book & Exepte by the Town if Given at their anual meeting march 7 1768

Said Rode through m<sup>r</sup> francis fullams Land Exepte by the Town upon the Towns Axpence in Cafe m<sup>r</sup> francis fullam will not Give the Land fitchburgh febuery the 21 1771

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	}	Select men for fitchburgh
David Goodridge		
John White		

[70] 18<sup>ly</sup> We have Laid out a 2 Rod Rode begining at John Gibsons north Line Runing a Southerdly point through f<sup>d</sup> Gibsons Land til it Coms to a Corner of m<sup>r</sup> foxcrafts Land & Runing through m<sup>r</sup> foxcrafts Land til it Cons to Land of Tho<sup>s</sup> Willards & through f<sup>d</sup> Willards

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\* Old location road now called Franklin Road. [Annotation on the margin.—W. A. D.]



Land til it Coms to Land ownd by the hairs of Secetry Willards & through f<sup>d</sup> Willards Land til it Coms to Land belongin to Ebenezer Bridge & Zacriah Whitney J<sup>ur</sup> Land So Runing betwen f<sup>d</sup> Bridges & Whitneys Land til it Coms to old Rode Leding from Ebenezer Bridges to the meeting house & markt Trefe on the Westerdly Side of f<sup>d</sup> Rode & the Land Given by f<sup>d</sup> Gibson & f<sup>d</sup> Willard through their Lands the other part Exepted if Given fitchburgh febuery the 28 1771

Thos Cowdin } Select men  
John White } for  
                  } fitchburgh

19<sup>ly</sup> Axepted of a Bridel Rode Through m<sup>r</sup> Ephrihams Kimballs Land from Solomans Stewards Land til it comes to Decon Amos Kimballs Land by the buerieng yard & the privilege of the Land Given by m<sup>r</sup> Ephriham Kimball so Long as Their is Good Gates made & maintained by m<sup>r</sup> Soloman Steward or aney other person pofesfing f<sup>d</sup> Soloman Stewards farm

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe ninty pounds to be workt out on the high ways & that the Colectors make up and complet their Coleton by the first of novembr next or be a Countable to the Town Trefurer for the Renainder part in mony & that those that work be aloud in the ufel maner . . . . . £90 - 0 - 0

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted And Exepted the Town Treasurers accounts as they stand Examend by the Selectmen & that they find that Thos Cowdin Town Treasurer hath paid out Sixty one pound Eighteen Shilings & Eight pene more then he hath Refevd of the Towns money . . . . £61 - 18 8

22<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay m<sup>r</sup> Witt three pounds Seventeen Shilngs & foure for bording m<sup>rs</sup> Hart pence for one whole year & so in proporton by the weke in Cafe she should not Live til the year is Expired . . . . £3 - 17 - 4 pd

[71] 23<sup>ly</sup> Voted and abated John putnams Town Tax in Jonathan Woods List . . . . . £1 12 - d1 - 01  
also John muge Rates in Jonathan Woods List 1 6 1 1  
also Petter Nurce in Dito . . . . . 1 6 - 1 - 1  
also William Small in Dito . . . . . 1 6 - 1 1  
also Zacriah Whitneys J<sup>ur</sup> Dito . . . . . 1 6 - 1 1

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total paid £6 - 6 - 6 - 1



24<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow John putnam his account which is . . . . . 13 - 6 pd

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted that all the old Collectors of high way taxes for the year 1770 Shall complete their Collection by the first of June next or be accountable to the Town Treasurer for the Remainder of the money that shall not be worked out by the time above mentioned

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Sell the Ground where the hind Seat together with the 2 alles to the Highest bidder & that the money Shall be Laid out in finishing the meetinghouse & that the Ground be Sold to the Inhabitants of the Town & no other person & that Deacon Kimball Thos Cowdin & Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge be a Committee to dispose of the Ground where the 2 hind sets stands together with the 2 alles & that they be empowered to Give Deeds of the Ground in the meeting house as above mentioned

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Except of the Records as they are Compared by the Committee

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Swine Run at Large the year Infusing

The meeting Defolved

Amos Kimball moderator

The Several Town officers Took the oaths Required by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[72]                      may the 28 1771

(feale) Worcester Is To mr Isaiah Witt Cunftable for the Town of fitchburgh Greeting

In his majesties name you are Required to Warn all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs to assemble & meet at the meeting house on tuesday the twenty Eighth Day of this Instant may at two O Clock in the afternoon then & their being Duely meet & formed to act on the articles following

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderator for Government of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to See What method the Town will Come Into to Build & Repaire the Bridges that are Carried a Way

& Damnified by the floods or Vote aney thing Refering their to as they fhall thin proper . . . .

Here off faile not and make Return of this Warrant to Sum one of us the Subscribers at or befor the time above mentned Given under our hand & Seale this fourteenth Day of may A D 1771 & in the Eleventh year of his majests Reign

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	{	Select meen
Amos Kimball		for
David Goodridge		fitchburgh

Worcestr fs fitchburgh may the 28 1771

In obedience to the within warrant I have warnd all the Inhabitants & others qualified by Law to vote in Town afares to afemble at y<sup>e</sup> place a Cording to the within Warrant

pr Ifaiah Witt Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the fre holders & other Inhabitants of Town of fitchburgh afsembled may the 28 1771

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Decon Amos Kimball moderator . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose James Poole & Kindal Boutal & Silos Snow to be a Commitee to Buield the Bridge over the River at m<sup>r</sup> David Goodels Saw mill and that they be aloud & paid by the Town . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Capt David Goodridge Repair the Bridge over the River by the meting house & that the Town alowe pay for that serves

Amos Kimbal moderator

The meeting Disolved pr Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

[73] Octobr the 1 1771

(Seal) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs To mr Ifaiah Witt Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Greetings

I his majests name you are herby Requird to Warne all the Inhabitants of f<sup>d</sup> Town to afemble & meet at the meeting hous on fryda the first Day of novembr next at one O Clock in the afternoone then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the articels folowing . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderator for Government of s<sup>d</sup> meeting  
 2<sup>ly</sup> to Rase money to pay the Revrant m<sup>r</sup> John Payson  
 his Salery for the year past . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Rase money to provide a scool or scools & vote  
 aney thing Refering their to as they fshall think proper . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town Will Do aney thing further  
 towards finifhing the meeting house or vote aney thing  
 Refering their to as they fshall think proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will alowe the Seet next to the  
 pues Ground Latly fold to be moved as much forwarder  
 as the Seet will Convenantly alowe of & Give the Ground  
 to the purchesors of the pue Ground . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to have thofe that have Done Serves for the Town  
 bring in their accounts & Rase money to pay the same

7<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will abate aney Rats in aney  
 of the former Cunstabls Lists . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Rase aney Sum or Sumes  
 of money to Defray Town Charges . . . . .

Here of fale not & make Return of this Warrant to  
 Some one of us at or befor the Day above mentned Given  
 under our hands & Seale this fixteenth Day of octobr &  
 in the twelf year of his majests Reign A D 1771

Amos Kimball	{	Select men
Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin		for
David Goodridge		fitchburgh

[74] Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs In obedance to the within warrant  
 I have warned all the Inhabitants of this Town qualified  
 by Law to vote in Town afairs fitchburgh Novembr the 1  
 1771

Isaiah Witt Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
 fitchburgh asembld on Novembr the 1 1771

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Capt David Goodridge moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rase fixty fix pounds thirteen fhilings &  
 foure penc to pay m<sup>r</sup> John Payson his Salery for the year  
 past . . . . . 66 - 13 - 4

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rase nine pounds to provide a scool 9-0-0

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Ebenezer Bride & James Poole & phinehas Hartwell be a Comittee to provide a scool mafter & that thre quarters of the money be Laid out in 2 parts of the Town & the other quarter in phinehas Hartwells & James Pooles Corner of the Town

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose a Committe to make a plan of the pue Ground in the Galeres behind the Seets & that mofes Thurlo & Soloman Steward & John Putnam be a Committe and they mak a plan and Return to the town at their next Town meeting

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the hind Seet be moved 4 inches & that the Ground be Given to those persons that that purchsed the pue Ground . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay mr James Poole & Silos Snow & Kindal Boutal nine pounds 11/8 for Building a Bridge over the River by mr Goodels Saw mill . . . . . 9-11-8

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Decon Kimball 18/8 . . pd 0 18 8

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Capt David Goodridge 25/4 pd 1-5-4

[75] 10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Samuel Walker 28/5 pd 1 8 5

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Thos Cowdin . . . . . pd £4 2 7

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted to ajurne this meeting til the 18 Day of this Instant Novembr a one o Clock in the after noon . .

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the pues Ground in the Galerys be Sold at vandue & that the hiest bider fshall be the purchfer & that the Inhabitants of the Town be the purchfers & now other persons & that the money be Laid out in finifhing the meeting houle . . . . .

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Decon Kimball Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin & Capt Goodridge be a Committe to fell the pues Ground in the Galerys and Give Deeds of the Ground to the purchfers

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin & Capt Goodridge & Ebenezer Woods be a Committe to finifh the meeting house & that it be Left to the Committe . . . . .

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Tho<sup>s</sup> Palmers Rats in Jonathan Woods List £1-11-9-3 . . . . . paid 1 11 9-3

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Noah Wizels Rats in Jonathan Woods List . . . . . paid 1 8 3 1

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe fourteen pounds to Defray Town Charges £14-0-0 . . . . . 14 0 0

The meeting Difolved David Goodridge moderator  
pr Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

[76] march the 2 1772

(Seal) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs To m<sup>r</sup> Ifaiah Witt Cunstable for the Town of fitchburgh Greting . . . . .

In his majests name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in Town afaers to assemble & meet at the meetinghous in s<sup>d</sup> Town on mondy the second Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the articles folowing . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderator for Government of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese Select men & other Town oficers for the year Infuing . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Rafe money to mend the high ways & bridges the year Infuing & vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to Exept of such Roads as are Laid out by the Select men or their order . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to Rafe money to suport mrs Hart or vote aney thing Refering their to as they shall think proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the Town will Chuese a Committe to wate upon the County Courts Committe in Laying out a County Road through fitchburgh by m<sup>r</sup> Boutals . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the Town will Exept of the Town Treasurers a Counts as they Stand Setled by the Select men . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the Town will Discontinue the Road through Decon Kimballs Land by the Town of Lunenburgh from the Decons towards Hezekiah Hodgkins . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Let the Swine Run at Large the year Infuing . . . . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us the Subscribor at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seals this thirteenth Day of of febuery & in the twelfth year of his majests Reign

	Amos Kimball	{ Select meen
A D 1772	Thos Cowdin	
	David Goodridge	

Worcestr fs In obedeance to the within written warrant I have warnd all the Inhabitants of this Town qualified by Law to vote in Town affairs

fitchburgh march the 2 1772 Ifaiah Witt Cunstable



[77] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh afembled on march the 2 1772

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Decon Amos Kimball moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Thos Cowdin & Decon Amos Kimball & Decon John Thufston Select meen . . . Selet men

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clark . Town Clark

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Treafurer . . Town Treafurer

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Soloman Steward Cunstable . . Cunstable

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Nehemiah fuller & Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>l</sup> Wardens . . . . . Wardens

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell & oliver Davis Tythen men . . . . . Tythen men

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Icabod Smith & Decon Kimball & mordaci moors Abraham Gibfon Charls Willard Ebenezer Woods Colectors of high way Taxes . high way Survars

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Samuel Downe & Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Deer Reves . . . . . Deer Reves

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Samuel Parce & Charls Willard fier . . . . . wards

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Samuel Parce & William Steward Jonathan Page hog Reves . . . . . hog Reves

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Soloman Steward Culler of Shingls & Clabords . . . . . Shingels & Clabords

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Jonathan Wood a Suervar of hups & ftaves . . . . . hups & Staves

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose David Goodridge & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin fence vewers . . . . . fence vewers

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose William Thurlo feler of Lether . . Seler of Lether

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Raifed Eighty pounds to be workt out on the high ways & bridges £80 0 0

and that they work by the ower in the uesal maner & that Every Surver of high ways work one Day with all his whole Deftrict on the county Rode or not be aloud for that Days work



[78] 17<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay mordaci moors foure pounds ten Shilings to board m<sup>rs</sup> Hart one whole year & so in proportion by the weke in Cafe she should not Live the year out £4 10 0

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose David Goodridge Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin & Amos Kimball to be a Committe to wate upon the Countys Committe in Laying out a County Rode Through the Town of fitchburgh

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Axepted of the Town Treasurers a Counts as they stand settled by the Select men . . .

that is we find Remanding in John Thustens hans thirty nine pounds 16/ 10 - 92 . . . . . 39 16-10 2

we also find in mr Ifaiah witts hands 114 12 4

we also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treasurer hath paid over & above what he hath Refvd of the Sveral Cuntabls and Colectors of the Land taxes £58-17-7 . 58-17-7

febuery the 24 1772 Amos Kimball } Select  
David Goodridge } men

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Difcontinue the Road through Decon Kimballs Land Laid out by the Town of Lunenburgh Leding from f<sup>d</sup> Kimballs house strait towards hezekiah Hodgkins

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Let the Swine Run at Large being yokt & Ringd a Cording to Law

the meting Disolvd pr Amos Kimball moderator

the Sevrall Town oficers tuck the oathes Requird by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

[79] October 19 1772

(seal) Worcester fs. To M<sup>r</sup> Solomon Stewart Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In his Majesties Name you are requird to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants qualified by Law to vote in Town Affairs to assemble & meet at the Meeting house on Monday the Nineteenth Day of October Ins<sup>t</sup> at One O clock in the Afternoon then & there being duely met & formed to Act on the Articles following—

1 To Choose a Moderator for government of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2 To Raise Money to pay Mr Paysons Salary for the present year . . . . .

3 To raise Money to provide a School or Schools and vote any Thing referring thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To have those that have done Service for the Town bring in their Accounts & raise Money to pay the same . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To see what Method the Town will take to provide Mr Paysons Wood, or vote any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will build a School house or Houses or vote any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will abate any Rates in any of the former Constables Lists . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will do any Thing towards supporting the Bridge called Kimballs Bridge . . . .

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant to some One of us the Subscribers at or before the Day above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal this first Day of October A D 1772 & in the thirteenth year of his Majesties Reign

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin } Select Men  
Amos Kimball } for  
John Thurston } Fitchburg

[80] Fitchburg October 19 1772

In Obedience to the within Warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants to Assemble & meet at the Time & place within mentioned according to the tenor of the within Warrant

Solomon Stewart, Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled Octobr 19. 1772

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clark

1<sup>st</sup> Choose Capt David Goodridge Moderator . . .

2<sup>d</sup> Voted to raise Sixty Six Pounds thirteen Shillings & four Pence to pay Mr Paysons Salary for the Year past . . . . . 66 ,, 13 ,, 4

3<sup>d</sup> Voted to Allow Joseph Sawyer his Account paid £0 4 8 pd

4 Voted to Allow Thom<sup>s</sup> Cowdin his Account paid 8 7 7 pd

5 Voted to Allow David Goodridge his Account paid 4 10 0 pd

6 Voted to Allow Deacon John Thurston his Account . . . . . paid 10 8 pd

7 Voted not to make a Rate to get M<sup>r</sup> Paysons Wood the Year insuing; but every Person to get what Wood they think proper . . . . .

8 Voted to Adjourn the Meeting, to Octob. 26. 1772—  
at One O clock in the Afternoon

9 Voted & choose Deacon Kimball Solomon Stewart & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin to be a Committee to repair the Bridge called Kimballs Bridge . . . . .

10 Voted to abate Jonathan Holts Rates in Deacon Thurston Lists which is . . . . . paid 0 17 pd

11 Voted to Abate Thomas Harri<sup>s</sup>,s Rates in Jonathan Wood,s List—which is . . paid . . £ p<sup>d</sup> 2 2 1 3

12 Voted to allow John Thurston five Shillings & three Pence being due from Antony Morse as a Part of his Rates,neverthelefs for John Thurston to collect s<sup>d</sup> Rates if in his Power & make return thereof to the Town £0 p<sup>d</sup> 5 3 pd

[81] 13. Voted to build four School houses in Fitchburg, and that each Quarter of the Town build their own School house at their own expence, free from any Town Tax, Only that each Quarter have their Proportion of the Town,s Boards & Nails, left after finishing the Meeting house

14. Voted that Deacon Kimball, Thomas Cowdin, Reuben Gibson, Phinehas Sawyer, Eben<sup>r</sup> Woods be a Committee to fix Places to build the School. Houses upon

15. Voted to raise twenty Pounds to provide School Masters . . . . . £20 - 0 - 0

16 Voted that Thom<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Deacon Kimball, Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge be a Committee to provide Scoolmaster or Masters

17 Voted that each Quarter draw their proportional Part of the Money raised to provide a School

18 Voted to raise twenty Pounds to defrey Town Charges . . . . . £20 - 0 - 0 - 0

Meeting disolved

David Goodridge Moderator  
Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[82] march the 1 1773

(Seal) Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs

To M<sup>r</sup> Soloman Steward constable for The Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majests name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & others Inhabitants quallifyd by Law to Vote in Town afairs to assemble & meet at the meeting house on mondy the first Day of march next at nine o Clock in the foer noon Then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on The folowing articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderator for goverment of f<sup>th</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse Select men & other Towne oficers for the year Insuing . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Raise money to Repare the Roads & bridges for the year Insuing or Vote aney thing Refering their to as They shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the Town will axcept of the Town Treafurers accounts as they stand Setled by the Select men

5<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the Town will axcept of Such Roads as are Laid out by the Select men or their order . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to make provison for m<sup>r</sup>s Harts Suport the year Insuing . . . . .

Here off fale not and make Return of this warrant unto Some won of us the Subscribers at or before The Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this 12 Day of February and in the thirteenth year of his majests Reign A D 1773

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		

[83] Worcest<sup>r</sup> fs

In obedience to this warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitents qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at y<sup>e</sup> meeting house f<sup>th</sup> Town on mondy the first Day of march A D 1773

Soloman Steward Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled march the 1 1773

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

- 1<sup>ly</sup> Chos Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge moderator
- 2<sup>ly</sup> Chose Thos Cowdin amos Kimball David Goodridge Ebenezer Woods & Ebenezer Bridge . . Select men
- 3<sup>ly</sup> Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk . . Town Clerk
- 4<sup>ly</sup> Chose Thos Cowdin Town Treasurer . . . Town Treasurer
- 5<sup>ly</sup> Chose Joseph Low Constable . . . . . Constabl
- 6<sup>ly</sup> The Town axcepted of Afe Perrey in Joseph Lows Rume as a hierd man in 1<sup>st</sup> Joseph Lows Rume to serve as Cunstable . . . . . Cunstable
- 7<sup>ly</sup> Chose Elijah Carter & William Thurlo . Wardens
- 8<sup>ly</sup> Chose John Thurston & Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>st</sup> Tyethen men
- 9<sup>ly</sup> Chose Elijah Gafield John Thurston Jonathan Wood Silos Snow & m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer & Ebenezer Woods to be Survaers of high ways and also Colectors of high way Taxes . . . . . Survars of high ways
- 10<sup>ly</sup> Chose John Bufs & Ruben Smith . . Der Reves
- 11<sup>ly</sup> Chose Ruben Gibson Ju<sup>st</sup> & Jofhua Parc . . fier wards
- 12<sup>ly</sup> Chose Elijah Gafield & Hezekiah Hodgkins . Hog Reves
- 13<sup>ly</sup> Chose Soloman Steward Survar of Clabord & Shingels . . . . . Clabords & Shingles
- 14<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood Survaer of hups & Staves . . . . . hupes & Staves
- 15<sup>ly</sup> Chose David Goodridge & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin . . fence Vuers
- 16<sup>ly</sup> Chose William Thurlo . . . . . Sealer of Lether
- [84] 17<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Rased Eighty pounds to be workt out on the high ways and that som be workt out & Completed by the first of novembr next or the person or prsons Delinquant in Completing his or their part in work fhall be obliged to pay the whole or Remaining part in money to the Coletor and that the money be workt out in the uesal maner . . . . . £80 0 0
- 18<sup>ly</sup> Voted that all the old furvaers that have not Completed their Coleton in work are orderd by the Town of fitchburgh to Se that they Compleat by the Last of June next or to Colect the money that Remains from those



persons that have not workt out their part by the f<sup>d</sup>  
Last of June and pay f<sup>d</sup> mone to the Town Treasurer

19<sup>ly</sup> Chose Amos Kimball Thos Cowdin & David  
Goodridge to be a Committe to Take Care of Bridges and  
Se that they are Repard . . . .

20<sup>ly</sup> axcepted of the Town Treasurers aCounts and  
that we find Remaining in m<sup>r</sup> Witts hands twenty Eight  
pounds & two pene . . . . . £28 00 2

We also find Remaining in Soloman Stewards hands  
one hundred and thirty two pounds ten fhilings & three  
pence . . . . . £132-10-3

We also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treasurer hath  
paid out of his owne money over & above what he hath  
Recevd of the Cunstable thirty Six pounds . . . £36 0-0

21<sup>ly</sup> axcepted of a Two Rod Road for to Conven oliv-  
er Stickne & Joseph Gray & Ephriam marten and others

22<sup>ly</sup> axcepted of a two Rod Road for to Conven  
Samuel Downes & other provided Jefse french & Daniel  
Farwell will Give the Land Where f<sup>d</sup> Rod Gows through  
their Land and not other ways . . . .

[85] 23<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the fessors order the high way fur-  
vaers to work on the Road where it Gows through m<sup>r</sup> Jedi-  
gidiah Collens Land til they Com to Leominstor Line

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted and axcepted of the Road Through Samuel  
Downes Land from the new Bridge to Joseph Downes  
Land and the Land Given by mr Samuel Downe . . .

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alter the Road Through Nichlos Dan-  
forth Land

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow m<sup>r</sup> Ifaiah Witt foure pounds ten  
Shilings & Eight pene to board m<sup>rs</sup> Hart wone whole year  
& so in proportion in Cafe she should not Live til the year  
is Expird . . . . . paid £4 - 10 - 8

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Swine Run at Large being yokt  
& Ringd acording to Law . . . . .

Fitchburgh February the 27 1773

we have Laid out a 2 Rod Road begining where Joseph  
Grays & Ephriam martens Corner Joyns to abraham  
Willards Land Runing notherdly as the Line Runs betwixt  
Joseph Grays & Ephriam martens Land the 2 Rods for the



Road taken off Ephriam martens Land then making an angle where the corner of Joseph Grays & Ephriam martens & moſes Worſtrs & oliver Sticknes Land all meets at one Stake & Stones.

\*Then Runing Eaſterdly as the Line Runs betwixt Joſeph Grays Land & oliver Sticknes Land til it Coms to Land Caſed the Wido Whitcombs Land and the Whole of the two Roads for the Road taken off Joſeph Grays Land—then Runing Eaſterdly as the Line Runs be Twixt oliver Sticknes Land & the Wido Whitcombs til it Coms to Land now ownd by Tho<sup>s</sup> Carter of Lunenburgh and the Land for the two Rods for the Road taken off oliver Sticknes Land in Caſe the hairs of the Wido Whitcomb will not give the one half for the Road then the whole of the Road to be Given by oliver Stickne — Then Through ſ<sup>d</sup> Carters Land til it Coms to the Town Road Laid out Through ſ<sup>d</sup> Carters Land when ownd by Ezekel Fouler which was Given for a Town Road by Ezekel Fouler

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	{	Select men
John Thurston		for
Amos Kimball		Fitchburgh

We Each of us Give the Land

Ephraim marten  
 Joſeph Gray  
 oliver Stickne

[86] We the Subſcribors Select men for the Town of Fitchburgh herby appoint you Samuel Down Silos Snow & Daniel Farwell to be a Committe to Lae out a Two Rod Road from the Town Road by Daniel Farwells through ſ<sup>d</sup> Daniel Farwells Land to Land of Jefſe Frenches fo through ſ<sup>d</sup> frenches Land to Land of Samuel Downes fo through ſ<sup>d</sup> Downes Land to Land of Joſeph Downes and make Return to the Town at or before the firſt Day of march next

Fitchburgh Decembr the 23 1772

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	{	Select men
Amos Kimball		for
		Fitchbrgh

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\* Old location road now called Sheldon Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

Fitchburgh Febuary the 28 1773

In obedeane to the within order we have Laid out a two Rod Road begining at a Large Rock upon the north side of the Town Road at the End of Daniel Farwells Lane Runing northerdly Through f<sup>d</sup> farwells Land til it Coms to Land of Jefse Frenchs then Turning westerdly Through f<sup>d</sup> frenches Land to the River where the new Bridge is Latly Built then over the River Through Land of Samuel Downs til it coms to Land of Joseph Downes & markt the Trees on the South Sid of f<sup>d</sup> Road

Silos Snow	}	Committe
Daniel Farwell		
Samuel Downe		

To the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

Gentelmen where as their hath bin a Road Traveled Through my Land Leding from oliver Davises Land to Leomenstr Line which Land Lying in Fitchburgh and as the Town of Fitchburgh are Desiros that there Should be a Road Laid out through f<sup>d</sup> Land of myn I utterly Refuse to Give the Land or Consent that their Should be a Road Laid out and axcepted by the Town of Fitchburgh &c

[87] But I herby promis and Ingage that all persons having aney ocasion to Travel Through that part of my Land may pafs & Re pafs and that the Town of Fitchburgh may from Tme to Tim and at all Times Repare the Road where it is now Traveled at their own Expençe when They think proper from This Time til I forbid their Traveling or Repairing f<sup>d</sup> Road as witnes my hand This Twelfth Day Febuary ano Domony 1773 . . .

N B Gentelmen of the Town of Fitchburgh I meene to Give this privelige with out ane cost to f<sup>d</sup> Town of Fitchburgh

	Jedidah Collins	
Teft	Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
	Amos Kimball	

The Town oficers Chosen into Town ofice Tuck the othes Requird by Law Sworn by the Town Clerk

The meeting Defolved David Goodridge moderator  
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[88]                      octobr the 25 1773

(Seale) Worcesters To mr asf Perrey Cunstable for  
the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In His majesties name you are Requird to warne all  
the free holders & other Inhabitants qualifd by Law to  
Vote in Town afares to asemble & meet at the meeting  
house on monday the twenty fifth Day of this Infant  
octobr at one o clock in the after noon then & their being  
Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing artcles that  
is first to Chuse a moderator for the Goverment of f<sup>d</sup>  
meeting . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to Rafe money to pay the Revrent m<sup>r</sup> John Payson  
his Salary for the year 1773 . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Rafe money to provide a Scool or Scool or  
Vote aney thing Refering their to as they Shall think  
proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will take to provide  
m<sup>r</sup> Paysons Wood the year Insuing . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to have all those persons that have Done serves for  
the Town bring in their acounts and Rafe money to pay  
the fame . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to Rafe money to pay the Towns Committes for  
Bulding the Bridges the year past . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will axept of what the Towns  
Committe hath Done in Deviding the quarters of the Town  
in order for Keeping a Scool or Scool and Vote aney thing  
Refering there to as they fhall think proper . . . . .

Here off fale not and make Return of this warrant to  
Sume one of us the the Subscribors at or be fore the Day  
above mentned Given under our hands & Seals this Eighth  
Day of octobr A D 1773 and in the thirteenth year of his  
majests Rigne

Thos Cowdin	{	Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
David Goodridge		
Ebenezer Woods		

Worcester Is In obedience to the within written Warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at Time and place within mentned

Fitchburgh octobr the 25 1773

Afa Perry Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled octobr the 25 Day A D 1773

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Capt David Goodridge moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rase Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shilings and for pene to to pay m<sup>r</sup> Payson his Salorey . £66 13 - 4

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rase twenty pounds for a Scool . 20 0 0

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Kindall Boutall Phinehas Sawyer and Ifaac Gibson be a Committe to provide a Scool or Scools and that the Scool money be Laid out as it was Last year

[89] 5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Insin Jonathan Wood find and provide thirty Coards of Good wood for m<sup>r</sup> Payson for one whole year from the first Day of Decembr next and bring f<sup>d</sup> thirty coards of wood to m<sup>r</sup> Paysons house and that the Town pay f<sup>d</sup> Wood for the thirty Coard of wood foure pounds . . . . . £4 0 0

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue Decon Kimball his  
a Count . . . . . paid 00 10-0 p<sup>d</sup>

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay Joseph Sawyer his  
acount . . . . . pd 00 14 4 p<sup>d</sup>

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue Joseph Fox his acount paid 1 6 0

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball his  
acount . . . . . paid 00 18-3 pd

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue Ifaiah Witt his  
a Count . . . . . paid 00 7 4 p<sup>d</sup>

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue Capt Goodridge his  
a Count . . . . . paid 00 3 0 p<sup>d</sup>

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue Thos Cowdin his  
acount . . . . . paid 1 17-6 pd

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue the Towns Com-  
mitte for Bulding and mending the  
Bridges . . . . . paid 44 2 10

Voted to Rase ten pounds to Defra Town

Charges . . . . . 10 0 0

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted to aloue James Gray his

acount . . . . . paid 00 2 5 pd

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted not ot axepte of the Towns Commites

Report in quartring the Scols

Voted The meeting Disolvd

David Goodridg moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Decembr the 1 1773

(Seal) Worcester fs To mr afa Perry Cunstable for the  
of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majestys name you are hereby Required to Warne  
all the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh quall-  
fied by Law to Vote in Town afares to assemble and meet  
at the meeting house on Wensday the first Day of Decem-  
ber next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their  
being Duely meet and formd to to act on the folowing  
articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderator for the Goverment of said  
meeting . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Rase mony to Defray the Town Charges to be  
afsesed the present year

3<sup>ly</sup> to See Whether the Town will Take aney notis of  
the Letrs Sent to the Town of fitchburgh by the Town  
Clerk of Boston or vote aney thing Refering there to as  
they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to  
Sum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given  
under our hand and Seale this fifteenth Day of novembr  
and in the fourteenth year of his majestys Reign A D 1773

Thos Cowdin	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
Eben <sup>r</sup> Woods		
Eben <sup>r</sup> Bridge		

[90] Worcester fs In obediance to the within written  
warrant I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Fitchburgh to meet at time and place within mentioned

Fitchburgh Decembr the 1 1773 Afa Perry Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled Decembr the 1 1773

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Chofe Ifaac Gibson moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Raifed Sixty fouer pounds to Defray the Town Charges £64 1 8

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to act on the Letters or Requests of the Town of Bofton Sent to the Town of Fitchburgh . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Chofe Ifaac Gibson Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben Gibson Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer Woods Kindall Boutall Ebenezer Bridg Soloman Steward to be a Committe to Draw up and Report to the Town of Fitchburgh a Draft of our Rights & privlgs as free members of Sofiety: In order to make Return to the Town of Bofton or to the Committe of Correfpond<sup>e</sup> at Bofton . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Votted that this meeting be a Jurned to the fifteenth Day of this Infant Decembr at one O Clock in the after noon . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Decembr the 15 1773 the Town being meet by an a Jurnment

the Report being Red and axcepted by the Town Voted that the Report be Recorded in the Town Book of Records

7<sup>ly</sup> Votted that y<sup>e</sup> Report concerning Late Troble at Bofton ocasioned by the Late teas being brot fubject to a Duty payd in this Coloney and Landed be Returnd to the Committe of Coryspond at Boston

8<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Town Clerk Give an attested copy to the f<sup>d</sup> Commitee to be Communicated to the Commitee for the Town of Bofton Decembr the 15 1773

Ifaac Gibson moderator

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

At a Legal Town meeting in Fitchburgh on the first Day of Decembr 1773 In order to Take into Confideration the letters of Corraspondency from the Town of Bofton: the Town made Choice of m<sup>r</sup> Ifaac Gibson as moderator for the Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meeting . . Then f<sup>d</sup> Letors ware Red before the Town: & after the Town had Dilibrated there on with Zeal and candor unanasmly agreed to Chues a Committe of Seven men & Chose m<sup>r</sup> Ifaac Gibson Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben Gibson mefsceurs Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer





by Adjournment from the first Instant the Committee reported as followeth  
 Having with great Satisfaction perused the circular Letters from the Committee  
 of Correspondence for the Town of Boston wherein are so clearly set forth our  
 Rights & Priviledges as English-men & Christians and also a List of the many  
 Infringements that have been made Thereon which Letters of Correspondence  
 we highly approve of & unanimously consent unto and resolved to stand fast in the Liberty  
 and Right where with our Gracious Sovereign Kings have made us free by an undeni-  
 able Charter & Decree from them their Heirs & Successors for ever - And we are  
 fully persuaded that Liberty is a most precious Gift of God our Creator to all  
 Mankind and is of such a Nature, that no Person or Community can justly part  
 with it, and consequently no Man or Number of Men can have a Right to exercise  
 Despotism or Tyranny over their Fellow Creatures; and to save us from such extreme  
 Wretchedness we believe the Vigilance & combined Endeavour of this People are necessary  
 and we hope through the favor of divine Providence will be Effectual; And we think  
 it our indispensible Duty as Men, English-men and Christians, to make the most  
 publick Declaration in our Power on the Side of Liberty we have impled an Ambition  
 to be known to the World and to posterity as Friends to Liberty, And we ~~therefore~~  
~~on this Occasion in Behalf of Ourselves and our dear Country~~ to  
 express our unfeigned Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of  
 Boston for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their  
 Circular Letters & their many generous Efforts in the Defence of our  
 Priviledges & in the Cause of Liberty & in our earnest Prayers to Almighty  
 God that they may be animated still to proceed, & prosper in such a  
 Noble & Generous Design, & finally may they receive the most ample &  
 durable Reward - And that these Resolves be recorded in our Town  
 Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk give an attested Copy to the  
 Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of  
 Boston

And with Respect to the East India Tea - From as much as we are  
 now informed that the Town of Boston & the Neighbouring Towns have made  
 such Noble Opposition to d Tea being brought into Boston Subject to a  
 Duty so directly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion  
 that your Opposition is just & equitable and the people of this Town are  
 ready to afford all Assistance in their power to keep off all such Infringements

Attest *John Adams* } Town  
 Clerk

desire to use all proper Means in our contracted sphere to promote it And we  
 are necessitated to view the Enemies of Liberty, as Enemies of our lawful  
 Sovereign King George & his Flewtrious Family, because Tyranny & Slavery  
 are fundamentally repugnant to the British Constitution; But in declaring  
 our present Tholaghts & Resolutions, we are moved by a principle of Humanity  
 & Benevolence to the People of Brittain, whose Happiness is so involved with  
 ours that the Oppressions and Depredations inlaid on us by Tyrannical  
 Governants must be essentially deleterious to Them we therefore

Woods Ebenezer Bridge Kindall Boutall Solomon Steward as a Committe to confider of our Conſtitutinal Rights and privilegas in common with other Towns in this provanc to gether with the maney flagrant Infringements that have been made thereon and to report at the Adjornment and then the Meeting was adjornd to the fifteenth Instant . . At a legol Meeting of the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh on Wednesday the fifteenth of Decembr 1773 [91] by Adjornment from the first Instant the Committee reported as followeth—

Having with Great Satisfiacion perused the circular Letters from the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston wherein are so clearly held forth our Rights & Privilidgs as English-men & Christians and also a List of the many Infringements that have been made Thereon which Letters of Correspondence we highly appove of & unanimously consent unto and refolv'd to stand fast in the Liberty and Rights where with our Gracious Sovereign Kings have made us free by an undeniable Charter & Decree from them their Heirs & Successors for ever— And we are fully perswaded that Liberty is a most preasous Gift of God our Creator to all Mankind and is of such a Nature, that no Person or Community can Justly part with it, and consequently no Man or Number of Men can have a Right to exercise Despotism or Tyranny over their Fellow Creatures; and to save us from such extreme Wretchedness we believe the Vigilance & combin,d Endeavors of this People are necessary and we hope through the favor of divine Providence will be Effectual; And we think it our indispensable Duty as Men, Englishmen and Christians to make the most publick Declaration in our Power on the Side of Liberty we have indeed an Ambition to be known to the World and to Posterity as Friends to Liberty, And we

\*[Think it our Duty on this Occasion in Behalf of Ourselves and our dear Country to exprefs our unfeigned

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\*a mistake from this mark [A marginal note, referring to the matter enclosed in brackets.—W. A. D.]

Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of Boston for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their Circular Letters & their many generous Efforts in the Defence of our Priviledges, & in the Cause of Liberty & in our earnest Prayers to Almighty God that they may be animated Still to proceed, & prosper in such a Noble & Generous Design, & finally may they receive the moste Ample & durable Reward . . . And that these Refolves be recorded in our Town Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk Give an attested Copy to the f<sup>d</sup> Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston . . .

And with Respect to the East Indea Tea—For as much as we are now inform,d that the Town of Boston & the Neighboureng Towns have made such Noble Oppositon to f<sup>d</sup> Tea being brought into Boston Subject to a Duty so derectly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion that your Opposition is Just & equitable and the people of this Town are ready to afford all Afistance in their power to keep off all such Infringement]

desire to use all proper Means in our Contracted Sphere to promote it and we are necessitated to veinue the Enemias of Liberty, as Enemias of our lawfull Sovreign King George & his Illewstrious Family, beause Tyranny & Slavery are fundementally repugnant to the Britesh Constitution; But in declaring our present Thoughts & Resolutions, we are mov,d by a principle of Humanity & Benevolence to the people of Brittain, whose Happinefs is so involved with ours, that the Opprefssors and Depredations indued on us by tyrannical Governments must be efsentially detrementol to Them we therfor [92] earnestly supplicate the Deity to preserve them from political Lethargy & so from the most shamfull & miserable Bondage and we are fond of having our little obscure Names afsociated with our American Brethren as Instreements in the hand of God, to save Brittain from that compleat Distruction which is now meditating, and is visibly impending; we wifh therefore our Country men to Join with us in praying for a Spirit of Reformation, on the Inhabitants both of England & America because Reighteousnefs is the

Exaltation and Glory of any Society—And we humbly hope that our being so late in giving our Sentiments upon Affairs so deeply interesting to the American Colonies in general, and to this Provience in particular, will not be imputed to our being unaffected with the alarming & unconstetutonal Incroachments that have been made upon our civil Rights & Priviliges; for we afsure you, we will not be wanting at all Times according to our Small Abelity in procuring & promoting all lawfull & constitutional Measures, proper for the Continuance of all our Rights & Priveledges both civil & religious; And we think it our Duty on this Occasion in Behalf of Our selves, and our dear Cuntry to exprefs our unfeigned Gratitude to the Respectable Gentlemen of the Town of Boston for the Light & Counsel that they have presented to us in their Cercular Letters & their many Generous Efforts in the Defence of our Priveledges & in the Cause of Liberty & in our earnest Prayers to Almighty God that they may be animated still to proceed, & prosper in such a Noble & Generous Design, & finally may they recive the most Ample & Durable Reward—And that these Resolves b recorded in our Town Book of Records, & that the Town Clerk Give an attested Copy to the f<sup>d</sup> Committee to be communicated to the Committee of Correspondence for the Town of Boston . . . . .

And with Respect to the East Indy Tea For as much as we are now informd that the Town of Boston & the Neighbouring Towns have made Such Noble Opposition to f<sup>d</sup> Teas being brought into Boston Subject to a Duty so derectly tending to the Enslaving of America It is our Opinion that your Opposition is Just & equitable and the People of this Town are ready to afford all the Afsistance in their power to Keep off all such Infringements

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

[93]                      March the 1 1774

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Afa Perry cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majesties name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town afares to assemble



and meet at the meeting house on monday the Seventh Day of march next at nine O Clock in the foure noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the folowing articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to chues a moderator for Goverment of f<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Chuese Select men and other Town oficers for the year Insuing

3<sup>ly</sup> to Raise money to mend the Roads & bridges the year Insuing and Vote aney thing Referring there to as they fhall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will axcept of Such Roads as fhall be Laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Discontinue the Road Laid from mr Nehemiah fullers to the old Road by mr asa Perrys house . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will abate such Rates as fhall be Laid before the Town . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to suport m<sup>rs</sup> Hart or Vote aney thing Refering there to as they fhall think proper . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to Se if the Town will axcept of the Town Treafurers accounts as they Stand Setled by the Select men . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to Sume one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this twenty first Day of February and in the fourteenth yeare of our Sovrin King George the third A D 1774

Thos Cowdin	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
David Goodridge		
Amos Kimball		
Ebenezer Woods		
Ebenezer Bridge		

Worcestr Is In obediance to the within warrant I have warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town by Poasting a warning up at the meeting hous Door

Fitchburgh march the 4 1774 Asa Perry Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled march the 7 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk



[94] firstly Chose Decon amos Kimball moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chues five Select men . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Chose Ifaac Gibson & Ebenezer Woods & Phinehas Hartwel and James Poole and Joseph Walker Select men

4<sup>ly</sup> Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

5<sup>ly</sup> Chose Thos Cowdin Town Treasurer . . . Town Treasurer

6<sup>ly</sup> Chose Kindall Boutall for the south side of the Town and

7<sup>ly</sup> Ebenezer Bridge for the north side Cunstable . Cunstable

8<sup>ly</sup> Chose Elijah Gafield & Soloman Steward . Wardens

9<sup>ly</sup> Chose Daniel Farwell and maximilion Jewitt . Tythen men

10<sup>ly</sup> Chose John Bufs Zacriah Whitney Samuel Parce & Kindall Boutall & Ruben Smith and Jonathan Page & Jonathan Hunt Survaers of high ways and that the high way Taxes be workt out in the uesal maner and that the Survaers be Colectors to Colect the taxes . . . Survaers of high ways

11<sup>ly</sup> Chose Nichlos Danforth and Jofhua Parce to be Deere Reves

12<sup>ly</sup> Chose John Bufs and Ebenezer Thurften to be . fier wards

13<sup>ly</sup> Chose David Parce & Ruben Gibson Ju<sup>r</sup> and John Carter and Jonathan Cummins and Jonathan Holt . Hog Reves

14<sup>ly</sup> Chose Soloman Steward to be Survaer of Shingels & Clabords . . . Shingels & Clabords

15<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood Survaer of hops and Staves . . . Suvar of hoops & Staves

16<sup>ly</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge & Thos Cowdin fens Vuers . . . fens Vuers

17<sup>ly</sup> Chose William Thurlo Sealer of Lether . Sealer of Lether

[95] 18<sup>ly</sup> Raifed Eighty Pounds to mend the high ways & that sum be work out in the same maner as Last year . . . £80 0 0

19<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood and Joseph Walker & Decon Amos Kimball to be a Committe to take Care of the

Bridges the year Insuing and to Repair or buield as they Judge most for the Intrest of the Town . . .

20<sup>ly</sup> axepted of a bridel Road begining at Thos Cowdins house through f<sup>d</sup> Cowdins Land til it Coms to the Gate then through m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Lows Land til it Coms to m<sup>r</sup> Lows house then turns and Runs through f<sup>d</sup> Land by his barn til it Coms to Land of Thos Cowdins that f<sup>d</sup> Cowdin bought of Colo<sup>n</sup> William Brown of Salom and the the privlige of a bridel Road Given by f<sup>d</sup> Low and f<sup>d</sup> Cowdin with out aney charge to the Town . . . . .

21<sup>ly</sup> axepted of a 2 Road Road begining at John Carters Land Runing from f<sup>d</sup> Carters Land through mr Ezra Uptons Land til it Coms to the County Road and axepted of the Road upon the Towns Cost provided that m<sup>r</sup> Ezra Upton will not Give the Land for f<sup>d</sup> Road and markt the trees on the south side of f<sup>d</sup> Road

22<sup>ly</sup> axepted of a 2 Road Road begining at the Line betyen Phnihas Browns Land and Nathan Badcocks Land Runing through f<sup>d</sup> Badcocks Land til it Coms to the Corner of Jonathan Pages Land where m<sup>r</sup> Andrew olivers Land Joyns to f<sup>d</sup> Jonathen Pages Land one Rod on m<sup>r</sup> olivers Land & one Rod on Jonathan Pages Land til it Coms to the Corner be twixt Jonathan Page and abraham farwell Land and markt the trees on the south side of f<sup>d</sup> Road and axepted of f<sup>d</sup> Road if the Land is Given by the owners of the Land

Thos Cowdin	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
Amos Kimball		
David Goodridge		
Ebenezer Woods		
Ebenezer Bridge		

[96] 23<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to Discontinue the Road Leding from m<sup>r</sup> Nehemiah Fullers by mr asf Perys house

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abated francis Fullams funs Pole Tax in m<sup>r</sup> Ifaac Gibsons List for the year 1767 being one pound two shilings and nine pene . . . . . pd 1 2 9

25<sup>ly</sup> abated Jacob Gibsons Rats in mr asf Perrys List which is Eighteen shilings & fix pene . . . . . pd 0 18 6

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow maximilion Jewett five pounds foure shilings for boarding m<sup>rs</sup> Hart one whole year and so in proporton in Cafe she should not Live one whole year . . . . . £5-4-0 p<sup>d</sup>



Lunenburg may the 17th Dr John Taylor Sir as you (chose) by  
the Town of Lunenburg & Fitchburg to Represent them in the Great  
& General Court for the present year. we think it our Duty under the  
present alarming circumstances of publick affairs to give the following  
Instructions: That you bare due Fidelity against all riotous  
practices and all other unconstitutional proceedings and that you do not  
by any means what so ever either directly or indirectly give up any of  
our Charter rights & privileges and that you up your Endeavour that  
those that we have been obliged of may be restored to us & that you use  
your Influence that provision be made for the discountenancing all  
unwarrantable practices with respect to bribery in those that set  
them selves up as candidates for Representatives for the people either by  
the way of Treats or Contentments which may have bin too  
frequent a practice in many places & further we would have you  
move in the General assembly that there might be a Congress  
and union with all the provinces & in case any thing Extraordinary  
should happen or appear that you should immediately notify your  
Constituents: there are many things of great importance that  
we must leave discretion with your self Trusting that you  
will often Revolve in your mind how great a Trust is Devolved  
upon you & that you give constant attendance so far as you  
are able to the business to which you are appointed & we hope  
that you will be actuated by a spirit of Impartiality free from  
private Views and sinister Ends that the above be recorded in the  
Records of the Town of Lunenburg & Fitchburg

William Stearns

George Kimball

James Gibson

Phineas Harwell

John Fuller

(Committee)

Thos. C. Smith Town Clerk

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted and axepted of Phinehas Sawyer J<sup>ur</sup> to  
ferve Cunstable in Kindall Boutalls and Ebenezer Bridges  
Rume or stead . . . . .

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted and axepted of the Town Treafurers a  
Counts as they stand fetled by the Select men &c

Fitchburgh February the 21 1774 Then Recnd with  
Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer and we find Due in mr  
Soloman Stewards hands forty three pounds three shil-  
ings & ten penc one farthen . . . . . £43 : 3 : 10 : 1

we also find in m<sup>r</sup> afa Perrys hands . 155 : 4 - 0

we also find that Thos Cowdin Town Treafurer hath  
paid over and a bove what he hath Recv<sup>d</sup> of the Cunsta-  
bles . . . . . 5 18 8 3

The meeting Disolved

Amos Kimball moderator

and the Town oficers tuck the oaths Requird by Law

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[97] Lunenburgh may the 20 1774 Dr John Taylor  
Sir as you Chosen by the Town of Lunenburg & Fitch-  
burgh to Represent them in the Grat & General Court  
for the present year—we think it our Duty under the  
present alarming Circumstances of publick affairs to Give  
the following Instructions) -- Viz that you bare Due  
Testimony against all Riotous pratices and all other  
unconstititutional proceedings and that you do not by  
aney means whatsoever either directly or indirectly Give  
up aney of our Charter rights & priveliges and that you  
use your Endeavors that those that we have been abridged  
of may be reftored to us & that you use your Influence  
that provision be made for the discountenancing all un-  
warrantable practices with Respect to bribery in those  
that Set them Selves up as Candidates for Representa-  
tives for the people either by the way of Treats or Enter-  
tainments which may have bin too frequent a practice in  
many places & further we would have you move in the  
General assemlby that there might be a Congrefs and  
union with all the provinces & in case aney thing Ex-  
traordinary should happen or appear that you should  
immediately notify your Constituants; there are maney



things of Lesser Importance that we must Leave Discretionary with your Self Trusting that you will Often Revolve in your mind how Grate a Trust is Devolved upon you & that you Give Constante attendance So fare as you are able to the business to which you are appointed & we hope that you will be actuated by a Spirit of Impartiality free from privat Views and Sinister Endes—& that the above be Recorded in the Records of the Towns of Lunenburgh & Fitchburgh

William Stearns	}	Committee
George Kimball		
Isaac Gibson		
Phinehas Hartwell		
John Fuller		

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[98]                      october the 4 1774

(Seale) Worcester Is To Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

In his majestis name you are Requird to warne all the free holders & other Inhabitance of the town of Fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to Afsemble and meet at the meeting House in Fitchburgh on Tuesday the fourth Day of october next att nine o clock in the foer noon then and their being Duly meet and formd to act on the following articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderator to govern f<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to vote mr Paysons Salery . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to provide Schooling . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See what meathod the Town will provide wood for mr Payson . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will allow the Committes acoumpts for building the new Bridge . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money for building s<sup>d</sup> Bridg and other nefesary Charges . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will acsept the Report of the Committee Chosen to Recon with the Town Treasurer . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Chuse a committe to Provide Schooling or act anything Refering their to . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will acsept of aney accounts for Servies Doun for f<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .



10<sup>ly</sup> to See if Towne will Chuse a Committe to attende the Provenfhall Convention at Concord on the 2 Tufday in october . . . . .

Here of faile not & make Due Return of your Doings here on to sum one of us on or before the above Day Given under our hands and Seals this fourteenth Day of Septembr A D 1774 and in the 14 year of his majestis Regn

11<sup>ly</sup> Notice is herby Given to the Company in This Town to assemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tuesday the 4 Day of octobr next at one o clock in the after noon to Chuse officers for <sup>fd</sup> Town & Company of Traning Solders

Joseph Walker	}	Select men for Fitchburgh
James Pool		
Ifaac Gibson		
Phinehas Hartwell		
Ebene <sup>r</sup> Woods		

[99] Worcester fs octobr the 4 1774

by vertiue of this warrant I have warned all the Free holders & other Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town meetings, to meet at the time and place as is within pur fixt . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled october the 4 A D 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Capt David Goodridge moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Rase sixty six pounds thirteen shilings and foure penc to pay mr John Payson his Salory the year past . . . . . £66 13 4

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Rase twenty pounds to provide a Scool, and to ad what Scool money Remains yet not Laid out that was Raised the Last year to the twenty pounds now Raised to be Laid out in providing a Scool or Scools 20 0 0

4<sup>ly</sup> voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge & Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben Gibson Ebenezer Woods & Joseph Polley & Decon Amos Kimball to be a Committe to provide a Scool marf-ter or marfters

5<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Scool money be Laid out as it was Last year

6<sup>ly</sup> voted that Roger Biglo find & provide thirty Coards of Good wood for the Revrant mr John Payson won whole year begining at the first Day of December next. the wood is to be Corded up at mr Paysons house a Cording to Law and that the Town pay Roger Bigelo for f<sup>d</sup> wood . . . . . £4: 14: 8:

7<sup>ly</sup> voted and axcepted of the Towns Committes accounts for Building the Bridg Caled Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridges Bridg which is fourty pounds 17 fhilings . £40 17 0 paid

8<sup>ly</sup> Raised fourty pounds 17/ to pay for Building the bridge

9<sup>ly</sup> voted and axcepted of the Town Treasurers a Counts as they Stand Setled by the Towns Committe, that is we find Due in mr Soloman Stewards hands . . . £33 2 5

we also find Due in m<sup>r</sup> Afe Perres hands . . . 94 5 8

10<sup>ly</sup> voted and axcepted of Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridgs a Count which is . . . . . 00 3 0 p<sup>d</sup>

11<sup>ly</sup> voted and axcepted of Thos Cowdins a Count which is . . . . . 1 5 0 p<sup>d</sup>

12<sup>ly</sup> voted and alowd Kindall Boutall his a Count which is . . . . . 1 10 0 p<sup>d</sup>

13<sup>ly</sup> voted and alowed Ebenezer Woods his a Counts which is . . . . . 1 10 0 p<sup>d</sup>

14<sup>ly</sup> voted and alowed Ifaac Gibson his account for taking care of Edward Scoot which is . . . . . 2 8 0 p<sup>d</sup>

[100] 15<sup>ly</sup> voted to Chuefe a Committe to attend the proventall Congrafs at Concord the 2 tuesday of october Instant

16<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge to Joyn the Congrafs at Concord . . . . .

17<sup>ly</sup> voted thatt all the quarters of the Town that Dont See that their part of the Scool money that is not Scooled out within the year be Returnd in to the Towns Stoke

18<sup>ly</sup> voted to pay the Select men for providing the Town with powder & Led & flints their account which is . . . . . £14 4 0

19<sup>ly</sup> voted & Rase five pounds to Defray Town  
 Charges . . . . . 5 0 0  
 20<sup>ly</sup> Total Sum voted and Raised by the Town  
 is . . . . . £158 5 0  
 The meeting Desolved David Goodridge moderator  
 Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Cun-  
 stable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . .

In His majesty's name you are Required to warn all  
 the free holders and other Inhabitation of the Town of  
 Fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in town affairs to  
 assemble & meet at the meeting house on Tuesday the  
 twelfth Day of July next at two of the Clock in the after  
 noon then and their being Duly meet and formd to act on  
 the following articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a modirator for Government of f<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Raife the money that was  
 not Leaguallly asept on the Inhabitants of f<sup>d</sup> Town in the  
 year one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy three or  
 vote or act aney thing Refering there to as they Shall  
 think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will Chuse a committy to Recon  
 with the Town Treasurer & make a Return at the fall  
 meeting . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will take into Consideration  
 the Late papers Sent to this Town Relating to our pub-  
 lick affairs and Distrest Circumstances in this provance &  
 to act aney thing Relating there to as they shall think  
 proper

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant to  
 sum one of us at or before the Day a bove mentned  
 Given under our hands and Sceal this twenty fourth Day  
 of June and in the fourteenth year of his majests Reign  
 King George the third A D 1774

Isaac Gibson	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Joseph Walker	
James Pool	
Phinehas Hartwell	

[101] Worcester Is July the 12 1774

By Vertue of this warrant I have warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifd by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time and place as is within perfixt . . . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Jur<sup>r</sup> Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburgh asssembled July the 12 1774

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose mr Isaac Gibson moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and passed over the 2 artcle Til the ajurnment

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuese a Committe to Settle with the Town Tresurer

4<sup>ly</sup> Chose Capt David Goodridge & Ebenezer Woods & Ebenezer Bridg be a Committe to Recne with the Town Tresurer and make Report at the falle meeting . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rafe the money to Suporte the Congras be Colected by a Contrebutioun, and if their be aney over and above, the money that is the over plush fhall be Laid out provide a Towns Stoke of powder . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the ninth Day of august next at 2 o clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

August the 9 1774 meet on the Day to which the meeting was a Jurnd and the meeting opned . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Signe the Covenant . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to ajurn the Town meeting til the 26 Day of September next at 2 o clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

September the 26 1774 then the Town meet on the Day to which the meeting was a Jurnd and the meeting opned

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted to ajurn the Town meeting til the first Tuesday of october next at Eleven o clock in the fouer noon

Thos Cowdin Tow Clerk

[102] October the 4 1774 the Town meeting opned on the Day to which it was ajurnd to . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and ajurnd for one ouer &c . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and accepted of Ebenezer Woods as Capten  
and . . . . . Ebenezer Bridge first Liut  
Liufтанent

and . . . . . Joseph Fox 2 Liftанent

and . . . . . Kindall Boutall Infigн

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the first  
Tuesfday of November next at three o Clock in the after  
noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Novembr the 1 1774 then the Town meeting opend by the moderator and the Town Clerk only those persons present and Continud the Town meeting til the 22 Day of this Instant November at three o Clock in the after noon

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Novembr the 22 1774 the Town meeting not opend becuse now perfon belonging to the Town apeard upon the Day to which the meeting was Continued

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburg March the 29<sup>th</sup> 1770

we the subscribers Selectmen of the town of fitchburg Having Confidred the Eftate and Prefent Circumftances of m<sup>r</sup> David Goodell & his family & alfo the Eftate of m<sup>r</sup> David Goodell Ju<sup>r</sup> and his family and upon Delibret Con- fideration think it proper & Prudent for the intereft of the town not to admitt either of the above famileys as town Inhabitance & we the subscribers Absolutely Refufe to admitt them or Either of them as Inhabitance witnefs our hands

Thomas Cowden	} Selectmen for fitchburg
David Goodridge	
John White	

Entred on the Town Book By order of the select men of fitchburgh Collected from other writings of ufe a mongst the town papers

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[103] November the 17 1774

Worcester fs to Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunstable for the  
Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

In his majastes name you are herby required to warne  
all the free holders and other Inhabitents of your Town  
quallified by Law to vote in Town affairs to assemble and  
meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the  
Seventeenth Day of this Instant November at twelve o  
clock . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to chuese a moderator to Govern f<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to take in to Consideration one of the provenfiall  
Congress resolves in order to inlist one quarter parte of  
the Traning Soldirs at Least to be at a minits warning  
and to See what Incoregment the town will Give their  
minnet men that shall Inlist after they are called upon  
aney amergancy or act aney thing refering there to as  
they shall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will come into  
with regard to Edward Scott or act aney thing refering  
there to . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See what Instructions the town will give the  
Cunstables of this town with regard to paying in the  
province Rate or act aney thing refering there to . . .

Here of fale not to make Return of this warrant to  
fum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given  
under our hands & Seale this 7 Day of November A D  
1774 & in the fifteenth yeare of his majefts Reign . . .

Joseph Walker	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Isaac Gibson	
Ebenezer Woods	

Worcester fs November the 17 1774

By vertue of this warrant I have warn<sup>d</sup> all the free  
holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh  
to meet at the time & place as is within perfixt

Phinehas Sawyer Jur Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitanc of the Town  
of Fitchburgh assembled November the 17 1774

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk



1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge moderator  
2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife minett men . . . .  
3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Inlist forty men Including officers . . .  
4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Chuese three men to be a Committe to  
take Care of Edward Scott . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted & Chofe Ebenezer Bridge & phinehas Hart-  
well & Isaac Gibson be a Committe to take Care of Ed-  
ward Scott if need be . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Indemnefy the Sevrall Cunstable that  
have aney provanc moneys in their hands from aney Coft  
or Charges that may arise by meanse of their not paying  
the provanc moneys to Harrison Gray Esq

[104] 7<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Severall Cunstable pay the  
provanc moneys acording to the provenfhall Congrafis  
orders

The Town meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs: to Phinahas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Con-  
stable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . .

In his Majefties Name you are hereby Required to  
warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
Town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in Town  
meetings to asemble and meet at the meeting house in  
Fitchburg on tusday the tenth day of Jenuery next at ten  
O Clock in the founnoon then and their being duly meet  
and formed to act on the following articles . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to chuse a moderator to Govern said Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will chuse one man or more to  
attend the Provential Congrefs at Cambridge on the first  
day of February next or vote any thing refering their too

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Chuse a committee of In-  
spection according to the Continential and provinfi-  
als Congrefses Refolves or act any thing refering their too as  
think proper . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Indemnefy the Afsefsors for  
not returning a Surteficut of the money afsefst and the  
Constable name to the Province treafury as Ufeal or act  
any thing refering their too

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will take into their Consideration sum method that all the town may Covenant together agreeable to the Refolves of the Continental Congress or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Except of the Offercers and Soldiers in the minute Company that shall sign a covenant agreeable to the Continental Congress or shuch a Covenant as the Town shall think proper when meet and to give those offerces and soldiers such Instructions as they shall think proper that shall sign said Covenant or vote any thing refering their too a they shall think proper . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will take into Consideration the State of the Standing Company in this Town in respect to filling up with offercers or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will take into Consideration the Suffering Circumstances of the Poor people of Boston & in what method as they shall think proper . . . .

[105] Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrent and your doings here on to sum one of us on or before the above said day given under our Hands and seal this twenty third day of December and in the fifteenth year of his Majefties Reign Anno domini 1774

Joseph Walker	}	Select
James Poole		men
Eben <sup>r</sup> Woods		for
Phinahas Hartwell		Fitchburg

Worcester Is January 10<sup>th</sup> 1775

by virtue of this warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place as is within perfixt . . .

Phinahas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Constable

At a legal Meeting of the Inhabitents of the town of Fitchburg assembled Januery 10<sup>th</sup> 1775

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibson moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a Deligate to attend the provential Congress at Cambride the first day of February next . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridge to attend the provincial Congress at Cambridge . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to chuse a committee of Inspection . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted to chuse as a Committee . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted & chose Mr Walker Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridge Cap<sup>t</sup> Gibson Deacon Thurstin and Cap<sup>t</sup> Woods Solomon Steward & Joseph Polley

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to Indemnify the affessors for not Returning the Constable<sup>s</sup> name to the Province Treasurery as useal

8<sup>ly</sup> voted and Excepted of the Covenant bareing date the tenth day of Januery 1775

9<sup>ly</sup> voted and Excepted of the offercers & soldiers that have signed the Covenant or those that shall sign here after if offered

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to chuse a committy to veiw the minute Compensys arms . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridge & Mr Joseph Walker and Ensign Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood be a Committee to veiw the minute Compenny . . . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Woods fills up his Compenny as he and his Compenny shall think proper with Offercers . .

13<sup>ly</sup> voted that Joseph Fox be a Committee man to Receive any article that the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg may think proper to Contrabute towards the relief of the Poor of Boston . . . . .

[106] 14<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjorn this meeting till the march meeting

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

for the remainder of the proseedings of the town upon the adjornment see page 108

(Seal) Worcester fs to Phinahas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Con-  
ftable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

In His majesties name you are Required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house on munday the sixth Day march next at nine O Clock in the fore noon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to chuse a moderator to govern said meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to chuse Town offcerers for the year insuing for said town as the Law Directs . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Except of town Roads Laid out by the Select men or their order or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to se what method the town will provide for Miss Hearts maintanence the year insuing or vote any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will vote the Swine to run at Large this preasent year under the Regulation of the Law or vote any thing Refering there too as they think proper

6<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a County treafury for the year Enfuing as the Law directs as recommended by the County Convention . . . . .

Here of fail not and make due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day Given under our hands and Seal this Seventh day of February and In the fifteenth year of his Majesties Reign A D 1775

Isaac Gibson	{	Select men for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker		
Phinehas Hartwell		

Worcester fs March ye 6<sup>th</sup> 1775—

by Virtue of this warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town to meet at the time and place as is within sett forth

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Conftable

At a leagal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled March 6<sup>th</sup> 1775

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibson Moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Chose Isaac Gibson first Select man . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebn<sup>r</sup> Woods second Select man . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Chose Phinahas Hartwell third Select man . . .

[107] 5<sup>ly</sup> Chose Joseph Walker forth Select man . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Chose Kendol Boughtwell fifth Select man . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Chose Joseph Fox Town Clark . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood Town treafury . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> Chose Silas Snow Conftable for the South side of the town of Fitchburg

10<sup>ly</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben Gibson Conftable for the North side . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> Chose Samuel Peirce & Deacon Thurstins wardens

12<sup>ly</sup> Chose James Poole & Benjamin Jaquith Tyethenmen . . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> Chose Elijah Garfield & Afa Perry & Thomas Stearns & Daniel Farwell & Deacon Thurstin & Jon<sup>a</sup> Smith to be Survairs of high ways & Collectors of high way taxes . . . . .

14<sup>ly</sup> Chose Nicholas Danforth & Joshua Peirce to be Dear Reves . . . . .

15<sup>ly</sup> Chose John Bufs & Ebn<sup>t</sup> Thurftin to be fire wards . . . . .

16<sup>ly</sup> Chose Zakariah Whitney David Peirce & Joseph Polley to be hog Reves . . . . .

17<sup>ly</sup> Chose Solomon Steward to be survair of Shingles & Clabbords . . . . .

18<sup>ly</sup> Chose Jonathan Wood to be survair of Hoops & Staves . . . . .

19<sup>ly</sup> Chose Joseph Walker & Deacon Thurstin to be fence vewers . . . . .

20<sup>ly</sup> chose William Thurlo to be Sealer of Lether . . .

21<sup>ly</sup> Chose Joseph Walker to be sealer of Waits and meafures . . . . .

22<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the town of Fitchburg pay M<sup>r</sup> James Poole five pounds to bord Mifs Hart one whole year & so in proportion provided she should not Live the year out . . . . . p<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Poole

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Swine Run at Large being Yoaked & ringd according to Law . . . . .

Fitchburg February 24<sup>th</sup> 1775

this Day Laid out by us the Subscribers a road beginning at M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Spoffords Corner on the North side of the road near the Brook and keeping a Crost s<sup>d</sup> Spoffords corner to Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo<sup>s</sup> Land then Runing on s<sup>d</sup> Thurlos Land by s<sup>d</sup> Spoffords Line to a peace of common Land

and then through s<sup>d</sup> common to Ruben Gibson house and so through s<sup>d</sup> Gibsons Land if wanted

Ebn <sup>r</sup> Woods	} Select men for Fitchburg
Ifaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	

Fitchburg march 6<sup>th</sup> 1775

this road Excepted and given provided that the road that Leads from Benj<sup>a</sup> Jaquiths Land to william Thurlos House be Difcontinued

William Thurlo

24<sup>ly</sup> the Town Meeting be Difolved

Isaac Gibson moderator

The several town offercers took their oaths as is required by Law

Joseph Fox town Clerk—

[108] March 6<sup>th</sup> 1775 meet according to adjournment the 10<sup>th</sup> of Januery 1775

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to provide forty Bayonets for the minute Compay for the Use of the town upon any Expedition and then to be returnd to the Town . . . . .

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Offercers of the minute Company be a committee that shall provide forty Bayonets for the Use of the town . . . . .

This meeting Difolved

Isaac Gibson moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worcester fs. To Silas Snow Conftable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

In his majesties name you are hereby required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on tusday the twenty first day of this Instant march att one O Clock in the after noon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to raise money to repair the high ways for the year Enfuing or act any thing refering their too . . . .



3<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a committee to Reckon with Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Cowdin the late town treafury or act any thing refering their too

4 To see if the town will raise money for to pay for the bayonets for which their was a Committee chosen to provide said Bayonets at our anual march meeting 1775 or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will chuse a man to Dig Graves or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

6<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will difmifs Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben Gibson as Conftable & chuse sum other man in that part of the town in his rome or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant and your doings hereon to sum one of us on or before the above said day given under our hands & seal this sixth day of march and in the fifteenth year of his majesties Reign A D 1775

Joseph Walker	{	Select men for Fitchburg
Ifaac Gibson		
Ebn <sup>t</sup> Woods		
Phinehas Hartwell		
Kendal Boutell		

Worcester fs. In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the free holders and other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place as is within perfixt

Silas Snow Conftable

[109] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled March 21<sup>st</sup> 1775

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge Moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise Eighty pounds to mend the high-ways and that the sum be workt out in the same manner as Last year . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a committee to reckon with Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin the late town treafury . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse Cap<sup>t</sup> Ebn<sup>r</sup> Bridge one of the Committee to reckon with the late Treafury

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse M<sup>r</sup> Phinahas Hartwell one of the Committee to reckon with the late treafury

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Walker one of the Committee to reckon with the late treafury . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Select men give the Committee that was chofen to provide the Bayonets an order to draw the money out of the town treafury to pay for the Bayonets the Committee rendering an account . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse M<sup>r</sup> Solomon Steward to Dig Graves

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be Difsolved

David Goodridge moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worcefter fs To M<sup>r</sup> Reuben Gibson one of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . .

In his Majesties name you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote for a Representative to afsemble and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the twenty second day of this Instant may at two O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formd to act on the following articles: viz:

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a Moderator to govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will chuse one member or more to Represent us in a provential Congress to be held in the meeting house in Watertown on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of may Instant or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . .

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant unto sum one of us the Subscribers at or before the day above mentioned given under our hands and seal this 12<sup>th</sup> day of may and in the fifthteenth Year of his Majesties Reign A D 1775 . . . .

Isaac Gibson	} Select men for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Kendal Boutell	

In Obediance of the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabatants of the town to meet at time and place

Reuben Gibson Conftable

[110] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1775

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Mr Joseph Walker Moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to chuse one member to attend the proven-  
tial Congrefs . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> voted and chose Joseph Fox to attend the Congrefs  
at Watertown . . . . .

This meeting Difolved

Joseph Walker moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worefter fs To Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson Conftable  
for the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting—

In his Majefties name and in Obfervance to the Conti-  
nential and Provential Congrefs Refolves you are here by  
Required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabi-  
tants of the Town of Fitchburg that have an Eftate of  
Freehold in Lands within this Province or territory of  
Forty shillings per annum at the least or other Eftate to  
the value of forty pounds Sterling to Afsemble at the  
Meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the Eleventh day  
of July next enfuing at three O Clock in the after noon  
then and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the  
following articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Chuse a Man to Represent  
the town in the Great and General Cort or Afsembly Held  
at Watertown on Wednesday the Nineteenth day of July  
next Ensuing or act any thing Refering theretoo as they  
shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to  
sum one of us at or before the above Mentioned day  
given under our hands and Seal this twenty ninth day of

June and in the fifteenth year of His Majesties Reign Anno Domini 1775

Joseph Walker	}	Select men for Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson		
Phinahas Hartwell		
Kendal Boutell		

In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town to meet at time & place

Reuben Gibson Conftable

[111] Fitchburg July 11<sup>th</sup> 1775

The town of Fitchburg in Conformity to a precept Directed to the Selectmen in s<sup>d</sup> town by the Provential Congress the Town Legally meet and voted not to send by virtue of that warrant

attest

Isaac Gibson  
Joseph Walker  
Kendal Boutall  
Phinahas Hartwell

(Seal) Worcester fs to Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson Conftable for the Town of Fitchburg . . . . . Greeting—

In his majesties name you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to Vote in Town affairs to Assemble & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the Third day of Oct<sup>r</sup> next at one O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formd to act on the Following articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a Modirator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To Raise money to pay the Reverend John Payson his Salury for the year 1775

3<sup>ly</sup> to Raise money to provide Schooling for the Year Enfuing or act any thing refering their to as they shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the Town will provide M<sup>r</sup> Paysons Wood for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To have all persons thats Done Service for the town to bring their act<sup>s</sup> . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Raise money to pay all Nefesary Charges and act<sup>s</sup> brought against the Town or act any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> To see what the Town will advise to do with Will<sup>m</sup> Henderfon that now Resides amongst us . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will come into in Respect to the Towns money & province that remains in Solomon Stewards hands or act any thing refering theirto as they shall think proper . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day given under our hands and seal this Eigteenth day of Sept<sup>r</sup> & in the fifteenth year of his Majesties Reign Ano Domini One Thousend Seven hundred & Seventy five

Isaac Gibson	} Select men For the Town of Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Kendol Boutell	

Worcester Is In Obedience to the within written warrant I have Notified all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town agreable to the within written warrant  
Reuben Gibson Conftable

[112] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled Oct<sup>r</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1775 . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise sixty six pounds thirteen shillings & 4<sup>d</sup> to pay the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Payson his Salury the Year 1775 £66 13 4

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise twenty pounds to be Schooled out the Year Enfuing . . . 20 0 0

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted y<sup>t</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry M<sup>r</sup> John Putnam M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Carter M<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Orfburn & Joseph Fox to be a Committee to provide a School Mafter or Mafters

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the school money be laid out as it was Last year . . . .

- 6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to lett out M<sup>r</sup> Paysons Wood to the man or men that will provide it cheapest . . . . .
- 7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Afaph Goodridge find & provide thirty Cord of Good Wood for the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Payson one whole year begining at the first day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> next, the wood is to be Corded up at M<sup>r</sup> Paysons house according to Law & that the town pay M<sup>r</sup> Afaph Goodridge for said Wood four pounds six shilling & 8<sup>d</sup> . . . . . £4 6 8 p<sup>d</sup>
- 8<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Raised four pounds six shillings & 8<sup>d</sup> to pay for M<sup>r</sup> Paysons Wood . . . . .
- 9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pay Doct<sup>r</sup> John Taylor two pounds seven shillgs & 5<sup>d</sup> for Representing s<sup>d</sup> Town in the Great & General Cort in the Year 1774 . . . . . £2 7 5 p<sup>d</sup>
- 10<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted M<sup>r</sup> Daniels Putnums ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . - 4 - p<sup>d</sup>
- 11<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Raised four pounds seventeen shillgs & 8<sup>d</sup> to pay Doct<sup>r</sup> Greenliefs ac<sup>t</sup> for Doctoring M<sup>r</sup> Bancrofts family . . . £4 17 8
- 12<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted of Joseph Sawyers ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . - 13 - p<sup>d</sup>
- 13<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdins ac<sup>t</sup> for Sweaping the meeting house six months & paying for a Horse to Cambridge which is . . . . . £0 15 8 p<sup>d</sup>
- 14<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted of Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibsons ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . £1 - - p<sup>d</sup>
- 15<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted of M<sup>r</sup> Kendol Boutells ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . £1 16 - p<sup>d</sup>
- 16<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted of M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibsons ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . £- 8 - p<sup>d</sup>
- 17<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted of Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridges ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . £9 10 - p<sup>d</sup>
- 18<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted of Joseph Fox<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . £12 6 10 1 p<sup>d</sup>



19<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjorn the meeting to friday  
next at one O Clock in the after noon

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Friday Oct<sup>r</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1775

meet according to adjornment

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Excepted of M<sup>r</sup> Abraham

Ireland ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . £1 2 8 p<sup>d</sup>

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise five pounds to pay

M<sup>r</sup> Poole for Bording Mifs Hart one  
whole Year . . . . . £5 - - paid

[113] 22<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Oliver

Upton his ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . £0 6 8 paid

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Except of the Committees

ac<sup>t</sup> which was appointed to provide  
Bayonets for the minute Comp<sup>y</sup> . . . £7 16 - paid

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise money to pay for the

Towns meafures . . . . . - 11 - paid

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise One hundred & thirty

nine pounds fourteen shillings & 11<sup>d</sup> 1q<sup>r</sup>  
to pay the ac<sup>ts</sup> brought against the  
Town . . . . . £139 14 11 1

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted & rais<sup>d</sup> Eight pounds to pay

Nefefary Charges . . . . . 8 - - -

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Total Raised £147 14 11 1

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Select men be a Committee to  
Joyn with Lunenburg or to do what they think proper  
with Regard to M<sup>r</sup> William Henderfon

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be a Committee to Set-  
tle with M<sup>r</sup> Solomon Steward with Regard to the Towns  
& province money which Lyes in his hands as they think  
proper and most for the advantage of the Town

The Meeting Desolved

David Goodridge moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clark

(Seal) Worcester: Is To Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson one of  
the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting

In his Majeftes name you are required to warn all the  
freeholders and others Inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-

burg Quallified by to vote in town meetings to assemble and mett at the meeting house in said Town on munday the forth Day of March next at nine O Clock in the forenoon then and their being Duly mett and formed to act on the following articles

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse Town Offercers for the Year Ensuing for said Town as the Law Directs

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Except of Town Roads Laid out by the Selectmen or their order or vote any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper whent mett . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will provide for Mifs Harts maintainance the Year Ensuing or vote any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To raise money to mend the Roads and Bridges the Year Ensuing or vote any thing refering their too

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will vote the Swine to run at Large the year Ensuing under the Regulation of the Law or vote any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will abate John Mudges Rates or a part of his rates in Phinehas Sawyers List or act any thing refering thertoo as they shall think proper

[114] 8<sup>ly</sup> To bring in their votes for a County Register

9<sup>ly</sup> To bring in their votes for a County Treafury

Hereof fail not and make Due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the above mentioned day given under our hands and seal this ninth Day of February and in the Sixteenth year of his majestes Reign A D 1776

Isaac Gibson	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Kendal Boutell	

Worcester fs In obedience of the within written warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time and place

Reuben Gibson Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg assembled March 4<sup>th</sup> 1776

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> 3 4 5 6 Voted and Chose Capt David Goodridge

Mr Isaac Gibson Mr Phinehas Hartwell Mr Jo<sup>s</sup> Walker & m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Carter . . . . . Selectmen

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Joseph Fox . . . Town Clark

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Ensign Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood Town Treasury

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Thomas Stearns Conftable for south side

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose William Thurlo Conftable for north side . . . . . Conftables

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Ephraim Kimball Jur<sup>n</sup> & David Parce . . . . . Wardens

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Daniel Putnam & Charles Willard . . . . . Tythingmen

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be affsors for the year Enfuing . . . . . affsors

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Benj<sup>a</sup> Jaquith Joseph Walker Jo<sup>s</sup> Downe Samuel Herrick James Poole Jo<sup>s</sup> Fox & Jonathan Boynton . . . . . Survaiors of high ways & Collectors of high way taxes

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Joseph Spofford & Hezekiah Hodgkins . . . . . Deer Reves

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose John Carter & Jacob Foster . . . . . Firewards

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Nicholas Danforth & Tim<sup>o</sup> Fullum . . . . . Hog Reves

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Solomon Steward . . . Survaioir of Shingles and Clabbords

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Ensign Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood . . . Survaioir of hoops & Staves

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Jo<sup>s</sup> Adams & Daniel Farwell . Fence Vewers

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose William Thurlo . . . . . Sealer of Lothor

22<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Joseph Walker . . . . . Sealer of Weights and meafures

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Difcontue part of a road Laid out February 27<sup>th</sup> 1773 by the Selectmen begining at the widow

whitcombes north west corner to Joseph Grays and Oliver Stickneys norwest Corner

[115] 24<sup>ly</sup> Voted to discontinue the Road runing from Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo<sup>s</sup> house as far as it runs upon s<sup>d</sup> Thurlo<sup>s</sup> Land towards Benj<sup>a</sup> Jaquith House . . . . .

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town of Fitchburg pay Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge five pounds Six Shillings & Eight pence to board Mifs Heart one whole year and so in proportion provided She should not Live the year out . . . . .

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a Committee to make a new Bridge or mend the old one upon the Road Leading to Leominster nigh M<sup>r</sup> Jonas Kindols house . . . . .

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted that James Poole Kendol Boutell & Sam<sup>l</sup> Parce be a committee to build the bridge or mend the old one . . . . .

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raife sixty pounds to mend the high-ways and that the sam be workt out in the same manner as Last year . . . . .

29<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the swine run at Large being Yoked and ringd according to Law . . . . .

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over the Seventh article in the warrant . . . . .

31<sup>ly</sup> Voted for Register of Deeds . . . . .

32<sup>ly</sup> Voted for County Treasury . . . . .

33<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose a Committee of Corraspondence by order of the General Cort Consisting of five men (viz) Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson Cap<sup>t</sup> Kendol Boutell Lieu<sup>t</sup> Asa Perry John Putnam & Silas Snow

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clark

Fitchburg Oct<sup>r</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1774

\*Laid out a two Rod road begining at Ashby Line at a Road Laid out from ashby to Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibson Land in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburg from thence by marked trees on the Easterly side of said Rode to Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibsons house from thence Southerly on Gibsons Land to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Bellows Land to a Crooked beach marked on the East side of said Rode from thence a crofs said Bellows<sup>s</sup> Land to m<sup>r</sup> Jona-

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\*Caswell road, old location. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

then Brooks<sup>s</sup> and Grimes<sup>s</sup> Corner then Runing on said line near to Mr Brooks<sup>s</sup> house then Turning on Grimes<sup>s</sup> Land by Grimes<sup>s</sup> Shop to David M<sup>c</sup> Intire<sup>s</sup> north East Corner and Jon<sup>a</sup> Flints Corner

Fitchburg February 29<sup>th</sup> 1776

Flints Corner as above mentioned is now called Joseph Heart north west corner A two rod rode Laid out from Joseph Hearts North west Corner of his Lot begining at said corner a southerly point Runing a Straight Line to said Hearts old House spot near Phinehas Browns Line so on said to Browns southwest Corner then on the Line betwixt Harts and Herrick to hearts South East Corner from thence Down the Line betwixt Elias Haskiel and s<sup>d</sup> Samuel Herrick y<sup>c</sup> afore mentioned boundres finding one rod Each on their own Land to the County Road the fore mentioned Rode being Laid out for and by the Request of Sam<sup>l</sup>. Gibson Jo<sup>s</sup>. Bellows Jon<sup>a</sup>. Brooks Grimes Jo<sup>s</sup>. Heart Phinehas Brown of said Town

Laid out by . . .	Isaac Gibson	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
	Joseph Walker	
	Phinehas Hartwell	

This Road Excepted by the Town if Given

[116] Laid out a two rod Rode by a Committee appointed by the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg Requested by Oliver Stikney Joseph Gray & Will<sup>m</sup> Rider Begining at the Widow Whitcomb<sup>s</sup> North West Corner runing South Westerly fifty two Rods on said Stickneys Land then turning runing westerly forty Rods on Joseph Grays Land to Tho<sup>s</sup> Hiltons Land then turning Runing south ten Deg<sup>s</sup> West Seventy Seven rods on Tho<sup>s</sup> Hiltons and Jo<sup>s</sup> Grays Land to Abraham Willards Land marked trees on the East side of said Road Jo<sup>s</sup> Gray finding seven Square Rods and half for his propotion to s<sup>d</sup> Rode then turning Weferly ten Degrees North on Abraham Willards Land twenty two Rods to Will<sup>m</sup> Riders Land

Fitchburg March 1<sup>st</sup> 1776

Phinehas Hartwell	} Committee appointed for s <sup>d</sup> Rode
Phinehas Sawyer Ju <sup>r</sup>	
John Carter	

This rode Excepted by the town

The meeting Diffolved    David Goodridge Moderator  
 Town offercers Sworn according to Law  
 Jo<sup>s</sup> Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs To Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo one of the  
 Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting—

In Obfervance of the Colony writ to us directed these  
 are in the name of the Goverment and people of the  
 Maffachufetts Bay to will and Require you forthwith to  
 Cause the Freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the town  
 of Fitchburg that have an Eftate of Freehold in Land  
 within this Province or territory of forty shillings per  
 Annum at the Least or other Eftate to the value of fifty  
 pounds Sterling to Afsemble and mett at the meeting  
 house in Fitchburg on Thursday the twenty third Day of  
 this instant may at one O Clock in the afternoon then  
 and their to Elect and depute one or more perfons being  
 freeholders and Refident in the same town according to  
 the Number Sett and Limited by an act of the General  
 Cort or Afsembly to serve for and represent them in a  
 Great and General Cort or Afsembly appointed to be  
 Convened held and kept for the Goverment Service at the  
 Meeting House in Watertown upon wednefday the twenty  
 ninth Day of this instant may . . . . .

Hereof and to Cause the person or perfons so Elected  
 and Deputed by the major part of the Electors prefent at  
 such Election to be timely notified and Summoned by one  
 or more of the Conftables of your town to attend the  
 Goverment service in the Great & General Cort or Affem-  
 bly on the Day above perfixed by nine in the morning . .

(Seal) Worcester fs to Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo one of the  
 Conftables of the town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting . .

You are hereby required to warn all the free holders &  
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by  
 Law to vote in town meeting [117] To afsembly and  
 meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on thurfdays the  
 twenty third Day of this Instant may at two O Clock in  
 the afternoon then and their being Duly meet and formed  
 to act on the following articles to it

1<sup>ly</sup> to chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting



2<sup>ly</sup> to see what the Town will Do Concerning Will<sup>m</sup> Henderfon now at Lunenburg or act any thing refering their unto as they shall think proper . . . . .

Fail not make return of your doings to sum one of us at or before the day above mentioned Dated Fitchburg May 13<sup>th</sup> 1776

David Goodridge	{	Selectmen For Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson		
Joseph Walker		
Phinehas Hartwell		
Elijah Carter		

Worcester fs in Obedience to the within written warrant I have notified the inhabitants of this town of this meeting according to this warrant . . . . .

Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg affembled May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1776 in order to Chuse a Representative accordingly the vote was put to know if the Town would Send a Representative this present Year and it pased in the Negative

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of Town of Fitchburg affembled May 23<sup>rd</sup> 1776 . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Defend the case with Lunenburg with regard to maintaining M<sup>r</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Henderson if their Should be an action comminced by Lunenburg

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a Committee to Defend any action with regard to Maintaining m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Henderfon with Lunenburg

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Committee should Consist of three

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin be one of this Committee

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood be one of this Committee

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Joseph Fox be one of this Committee

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the above Committee have full power to Defend any action with Lunenburg with regard to M<sup>r</sup>

W<sup>m</sup> Henderson or to Settle with the Town of Lunenburg  
as they shall Judge best

This Meeting Difolved   David Goodridge Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[118] (Seal) Worcester fs: To Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Thurlo one  
of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg . Greeting—

By virtue of a Refolve pafsed by the Late house of  
Representatives may 10<sup>th</sup> 1776 to us directed in order to  
call a Town meeting you are hereby required to Notify  
the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of  
Fitchburg and others adjoining to said Town to Afsembly  
and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on munday  
the first Day of July next at three O Clock in the after-  
noon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on  
the following articles (viz)

1<sup>y</sup> To Chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2<sup>y</sup> To know the mind of the Town that if y<sup>e</sup> Honorable  
Continential Congress should for the Safty of the  
United Colonies declare them independant of the Kingdom  
of Great Britain that we the inhabitants of the Town of  
Fitchburg will Solomnly Engage with their Lives & for-  
tains to support them in the Measure or act any thing  
refering their too as they shall thing proper when meet

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant to sum  
one of us at or before the Day above mentioned Given  
under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this Nineteenth  
Day of June

Anno Domini 1776 . . . . .

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester. fs: In Obedience to the within written war-  
rant I have warned the freeholders and other Inhabitants  
of s<sup>d</sup> Town and these Adjoining to said town of this  
meeting

Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Conftable



9 & that the Town Clerk copy of the second vote  
and send it to the General Court

This meeting Disolved

David Gaddridge Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

In Congress July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776

A Declaration by the Representatives  
of the United States of America  
in General Congress Assembled

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another and to assume among the Powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the Opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation, we hold these truths to be self evident that all men are created equal that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, Liberty and pursuit of Happiness: — That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, that whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the people to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness, prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed, but when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Tyranny, it is their right, it is their duty to throw off such government and to provide new guards for their future security such has been the patient Sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the Necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government, the History of the present King of Great-Britain is a History of Repeated injuries and — usurpations, all having in direct Object the Establishment of an absolute tyranny over these States. to prove this let facts be submitted to a candid world.

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg legally warned and Afsembled July 1<sup>st</sup> 1776

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that if the Honorable Continental Congress should for the Safty of these United Colonies Declare them Independant of the Kingdom of Great Braitain that we the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg will with Our lives and fortains support them in the measure

[119] 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town Clark copyy of the second vote and Send it to the General Cort

This meeting Disolved

David Goodridge moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

In Congress July 4<sup>th</sup> 1776—

A Declaration by the Representatives  
of the United States of America

In General Congress Afsembled

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[120] He has refused his assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the publick good . . .

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless Suspended in their Operation untill his Assent should be Obtained and when so Suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of Large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to Tyrants only. . . .

He has called together legislative bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable and distant from the depository of their publick records, for the sole purpose of fatiguing them into compliance with his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly for opposing with manly Firmness his Invasions on the rights of the people.

He has refused for a long time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of annihilation, have returned to the people at Large for their Exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of Invasion from with out and Convulsions within. . . .

He has endeavoured to prevent the population of these States; for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Natu-



ralization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither and raising the Conditions of new appropriations of Lands. . . . .

He has Obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his assent to Laws for Establishing Judiciary powers.

He has made Judges dependant on his will alone, for the tenure of their Offices, and the amount and payment of their Salaries. He has erected a multitude of new Officers, and sent hither swarms of Officers to Harass our people, and Eat out their Substance.

He has kept among us, in times of peace Standing Armies without the Consent of our Legislatures. . . .

He has affected to render the Military independent of, and Superiour to the Civil Power. . . . .

He has combined with others to Subject us to a Jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution, and unacknowledged by our Laws; giving his Assent to their acts of pretended Legislation:

For quartering large bodies of armed troops among us:

For protecting them, by a mock trial from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States:

For cutting off our trade with all parts of the world:

For imposing Taxes on us without our consent:

For depriving us in many cases of the benefits of Trial by Jury: For transporting us beyond Seas to be tried for pretended Offences:

For abolishing the free System of English Laws in a Neighbouring province Establishing therein an arbitrary Government and enlarging its boundaries, so as to render it at once an Example and fit Instrument for [121] For introducing the same absolute Rule into these Colonies.

For taking away our Charters abolishing our most valuable Laws and altering fundamentally the forms of our Governments:

For Suspending our own Legislatures and declaring themselves invested with power to Legislate for us in all Cases whatsoever.

He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his protection and waging war against us.

He has plundered our Seas ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the Lives of our people.

He is at this time transporting large armies of foreign mercenaries to compleat the works of Death Defolation and tyranny already begun with circumstances of Cruelty and Perfidy Scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous Ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a Civilized nation.

He has constrained our Fellow Citizens, taken captives on the high Seas to bear arms against their Country; to become the Executioners of their friends and brethren, or to fall themselves by their hands.

He has excited domestic inferrections amongst us, and has Endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of our Frontiers the merciless Indian Savages, whose known Rule of warfare is an undistinguished Destruction of all Ages, Sexes, and Conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress, in the most humble terms: our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated Injury!—A prince whose Character is thus marked by every act which may define a Tyrant, is unfit to be the Ruler of a free people! . . .

Nor have we been wanting in attention to our British Brethren, we have warned them from time to time of attempts by their Legislature to extend an unwarrantable Jurisdiction over us, we have reminded them of the Circumstances of our Emigration and Settlement here, we have appealed to their native Justice and Magnanimity and we have conjured them by the ties of our common kindred to disavow these Ufurpations, which would inevitably interrupt our connexions and Correspondence. they too have been deaf to the voice of Justice and of Conspanguinity. we must, therefore Acquiesce in the necessity which Denounces our Separation, and hold them, as we hold the rest of mankind Enemies in war; in peace, Friends.

We, therefore, the Representatives of the United States of America, in General Congress Assembled appealing to



connection, between them and the State of Great-Britain, is, and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and Independent States, they have full power to Levy war conclude peace, contract alliances, establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do, and for the Support of this declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

Signed by order and in behalf of the Congress

John Hancock, President

Attest — Charles Thompson, Secretary

In Council July 17<sup>th</sup> 1776

Ordered that the declaration of Independence be printed; and a copy sent to the Ministers of Each Parish of every Denomination within this State; and that they severally be required to read the same to their respective Congregations, as soon as divine Service is ended, in the afternoon — on the first Lords Day after they shall have received it. — and after such publication thereof, to deliver the said declaration to the Clerks of their several Towns or districts; who are hereby required to record the same in their respective Towns or District Books their to remain as a perpetual memorial thereof.

In the name and by order of the Council  
Richard Darby, Jun<sup>r</sup> President

A true Copy Attest John Avery, Dep. Sec'y

A true Copy Attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

the Supreme Judge of the world for the Rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the Authority of the Good people of these Colonies Solemnly publish and declare that these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and Independent States that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown; and that all political Connexion [122] connexion, between them and the State of Great-Britain, is, and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as free and Independent States, they have full power to Levy war conclude peace contract Alliances, Establish commerce, and to do all other acts and things which Independent States may of right do, and for the Support of this declaration with a firm reliance on the protection of divine providence, we mutually pledge to Each other our Lives our Fortunes and our Sacred Honor.

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A true Copy Attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[123] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Cap<sup>t</sup> William Thurlow one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg . Greeting

In the name of the State of the Colony of the Massachusetts Bay you are required to warn all the freeholders

and Other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to Assemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the twenty forth Day of this Instant Sept<sup>r</sup> at one O Clock in the afternoon and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to it . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To vote the Reverend John Payson his Salary for the year Enfuing

3<sup>ly</sup> To raise money for the school for the year Enfuing . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a committee to provide a School or schools for the year Enfuing . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To See what method the Town will come into to provide the Reverend John Payson his wood . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To raise money to Support Mifs Hart for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> To have all persons thats done service for the Town to bring in their accounts and Raise money for the same . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will abate any Persons Rates in any of the Constables Lists . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> To raise money to Defray Town charges for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow of a Hospital for the Anocalation for the Small Pox or act any thing refering theirto . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Consider the Rates in M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry<sup>s</sup> List or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will take into confideration the prefont State of Our committee of Infspection and Safty or act any thing theirto as they shall think Proper . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal this Sixth Day of this Prefent September and in the Year of our Lord Christ 1776

David Goodride	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	



Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings of the Day and time of this meeting

Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Conftable

[124] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembld Sep<sup>t</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1776 Then being Duly meet —

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted The Reverend John Payson his  
Salury whis is £66 13 4

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted To raie twenty pound for school-  
ing the year Ensuing 20 0 0

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Samuel Parce Daniel Put-  
nam Liev<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Page John Bufs &  
Solomon Steward a Committee to pro-  
vide School Master or Masters for the  
Year Enfuing . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the School money be Laid  
out as Last year . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to impower the Schools Com-  
mittee to Give orders to such Master or  
Masters as they shall imploy in said  
Service . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Give Amos Kimball £4.2.8.  
for Gitting thirty Cords of Good Wood  
for M<sup>r</sup> Payson one whole year begining  
the first Day of Decemb<sup>r</sup> next the wood  
is to be Corded up at M<sup>r</sup> Paysons house  
according to Law . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise the money to pay for  
M<sup>r</sup> Paysons wood whis is 4 2 8 p<sup>d</sup>

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise money for Deacon Good-  
ridge for boarding Mifs Heart . . . . 5 6 8 p<sup>d</sup>

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Allow Joseph Sawyers ac<sup>t</sup>  
whis is . . . . . 4 8 paid

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Allow Levi Kimballs Account  
whis is . . . . . 1 0 6 p<sup>d</sup>

12 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to Allow James Pools Act <sup>t</sup> whis is . . . . .	-	7	-	p <sup>d</sup>
13 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to Allow Deacon Thurftins Act <sup>t</sup> which is . . . . .	1	4	8	p <sup>d</sup>
14 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to Allow Afa Perrys act <sup>t</sup> which is . . . . .	1	9	-	p <sup>d</sup>
15 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to Allow Solomon Stewards act <sup>t</sup> which is . . . . .	5	8	10	p <sup>d</sup>
16 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to Allow James Poole Kendol Boutell & Sam <sup>ll</sup> Parce A Committee their Act <sup>t</sup> which is . . . . .	6	6	-	
17 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Kendol Boutell <sup>s</sup> act <sup>t</sup> which is . . . . .	-	15	-	p <sup>d</sup>
18 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Kendol Boutell <sup>s</sup> act <sup>t</sup> for Cloth which is . . . . .	1	1		p <sup>d</sup>
19 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to Allow Joseph Walkers at <sup>s</sup> which is . . . . .	-	1	-	p <sup>d</sup>
20 <sup>th</sup> Voted to Allow Phinehas Hartwells act <sup>t</sup> which is . . . . .	1	6	-	paid
21 <sup>st</sup> Voted to Allow Deacon Goodridge for numbering y <sup>c</sup> people . . . . .	0	4	-	p <sup>d</sup>
22 <sup>nd</sup> Voted to Allow Joseph Walker for numbering y <sup>c</sup> people . . . . .	-	4	-	p <sup>d</sup>
23 <sup>rd</sup> Voted to allow Isaac Gibson <sup>s</sup> act <sup>t</sup> which is . . . . .	1	2	-	p <sup>d</sup>
24 <sup>th</sup> Voted to abate John Mudges Rates in Solomon Stewards List Except his head in said List . . . . .				
25 <sup>th</sup> Voted to pay Joseph Adams for Shov- els whis is . . . . .	2	-	-	
26 <sup>th</sup> Voted to Raise money to pay the above act <sup>ts</sup>				
[125] 27 <sup>th</sup> Voted to Raise Thirty pounds to pay Nefefary charges . . . . .	30	-	-	
28 <sup>th</sup> Voted And Chose Liev <sup>t</sup> Abraham Gibson Daniel Putnam & Joseph Fox for A Committee to Confsider Afa Perrys Rates or act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper				

David Goodridge Moderator

A true copy of the minutes

Attest Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: fs: to Cap<sup>t</sup> William Thurlo one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg . . Greeting . .

In the Name of the State of the Colony of the Maffachufetts Bay you are hereby Required to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the Thirtyeth Day of this Instant September at four O Clock in the afternoon being Duly meet and formed to act on the following Articles

1<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Chuse a County Register of Deeds

3<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a County Treafury as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not to make a return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal this Twenty Eighth Day of September In the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred & Seventy Six

Isaac Gibson	}	Selectmen For Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell		
Elijah Carter		
David Goodridge		
Joseph Walker		

Worcester: fs: in Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned the freeholders and Other Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting

William Thurlo Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled Sept<sup>t</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1776 then being Duly meet

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> Meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Proceeded and voted for a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted for a County Treasury for the County of Worcester and Delivered S<sup>d</sup> votes to the Conftable as the Law Directs

David Goodridge moderator

A true copy from the minutes attest

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[126] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To William Thurlo one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburgh . . Greeting

In the name of the State of the Colony of the Maffachufetts Bay you are hereby required to warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being free and twenty one years of age or upwards to Affemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the Seventeenth Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> next at one O Clock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to it

1<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will vote that the Representative House together with the Council shall make a form of Government for the State of the Maffachufetts Bay or act any thing Refering theirtoo as they shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will send a man to Reprefent them in the great and General Cort according to a resolve of the Seventeenth Instant and act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper . . . .

Hereof fail not make due return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal this thirteenth Day of September and in the year of our Lord 1776—

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants according to the Directions of the within writen warant

Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Conftable

At a legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled Oct<sup>r</sup> Seventeenth. 1776—

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> The vote being put to see if the town would vote that the Representative House together with the Counsell shall make a form of Government for the State of the Maffachufetts Bay: it pafsed in the Negative

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse a Committee to give the reasons why they would not Consent that the house of Representatives together with the Counsell should make a form of Government for this State . . . .

[127] 4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Committee consist of five

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell be one of the Committee

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Liev<sup>t</sup> Kendol Boutell be one of the Committee

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Joseph Fox be one of the Committee

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam be one of the Committee

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> David Goodridge be one of the Committee

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to chuse a man to Represent them in the General Cort

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adjurnd to friday 25<sup>th</sup> Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> Instant three O Clock in the Afternoon

October 25<sup>th</sup> 1776 The Town meet according to adjournment and the Committee made the following report—to it

1<sup>st</sup> . . . As we are Sensable that our Situation Demands a particular attention and Due Consideration in matters of the Greatest importance on so intrusting concern for the Publick Good and for the Good order and benifit of the community and peace of this State that as the End of Government is the happinefs of the people so the Sole power and right of forming and Eftablishing a plan theirow is Efencially in the people

\* 2<sup>ly</sup> Because a Large number of our worthy Inhabitants of this State are now ingaged in the Service of the United States in Opposing our unnatiral Enemies which we apprehend ought of right to have an Eaquel voice in Eftablishing a form of Government for this State as those that are not Engaged in the Army . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Because that the present House were never Elected by the people to Eftablish a form of Government for this

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\* the second reason should have ben wrote the third & the third reason should have ben the Second. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

State but for ordering and Governing the prudential affairs of this Embarrifed State as neceffity Calls for their Strict attention theretoo . . . .

But provided the prefent House of Representatives together with the Counfel should proceed to make a form of Government

Refolved that it is the Opinnion of this Town that said form of Government should be made Publick for the Infpection and Perufal of the Inhabitants before the Rati-fication thereof by the Affembly

David Goodridge	} Committee
Phinehas Hartwell	
Kendol Boutell	
Joseph Fox	
Daniel Putnam	

12<sup>ly</sup> The above report was put to vote to see if the Town would Except of it and it pafs in the affirmative

[128] 13<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town Clerk tranfmitt a copy of the reasons why the town will not confent that the House of Representatives together with the Counfell should not Eftablifh a form of Government, into the Sec-ratarys Office of this State

David Goodridge Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: fs: To one of the Conftables or the Town Clerk of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting—

In the name of the Government & people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order and Direct you forth-with to warn all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thirfday the twenty Eight Day of this Instant Nov<sup>r</sup> at two O Clock in the after noon then & their being duly meet and form<sup>d</sup> to act on the following Articles to it

1<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> For the Town to bring in their votes for a County treasury for the County of Worcefter

Here of fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above men-



tioned given under our hands and Seal this Eighteenth Day of November and in the Year of Our Lord 1776 —

David Goodridge	{	Selectmen for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker		
Elijah Carter		

Worcester is in Obedience to the within written warrant I have warnd all the freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at time & place as is within mentioned

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

At a legal meeting of the Town of Fitchburg legally warned and Assembled Nov<sup>r</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> 1776

1<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge moderator

2<sup>y</sup> Votes called for . for a County Treasury

3<sup>y</sup> Voted to adjurn this meeting to Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdins forthwith

Votes for the County treasury being Seald up the meeting was Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[129] In perfuant of and agreable to an act of the Great & General Court of the State of the Massachusets Bay Relative to Eftimating & Stating Sertain prifes on farming Labour and all traidsmen and at certain seasons of y<sup>e</sup> year and all nefeisaries of Life that is to or may be Disposed of in the several Towns here after mentioned that at a meeting of the Selectmen & Committee of the Town of Groton Shirley Townshend Lunenburg & Fitchburg conveyed together at the House of Co<sup>l</sup> Abijah Stears<sup>s</sup> Inholder in Lunenburg on Tusday the 18<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant Febr<sup>y</sup> 1777 to perfix Prises on the following articles not to be axceeded as here after mentioned in Price

1<sup>y</sup> Made choise of Deacon W<sup>m</sup> Stearns as moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>y</sup> made chose of Cap<sup>t</sup> James Horfley as Clerk for s<sup>d</sup> meeting then Perfued as follow<sup>s</sup>

Farming Labor for men

That farming Labor for men from the  
Twenteth Day of June to the Twentieth

Day of August not to Exceed 3/0 p <sup>r</sup>			
Day . . . . .	£0	3	0 -
That from the middle of Nov <sup>r</sup> to the mid-			
dle of march not to Exceed 1/6 p <sup>r</sup> Day	0	1	6 -
and the othe of the year in propotion . .	-	-	- -

## Carpenter or House writes Bill

That a Carpenter or House wright not to			
Exceed 3/0 p <sup>r</sup> Day	£0	3	0 -
and other Carpenters or Joynery work in			
Propofial as Ufeal . . . . .	-	-	- -

## Wheat Rye &amp; Indian Corn

Good Marchantable Wheat not to Exceed			
6/8 p <sup>r</sup> Bufhel . . . . .	£0	6	8 -
Good Marchantable Rye not to Exceed 4/4			
p <sup>r</sup> Bufhel . . . . .	0	4	4 -
Good Marchantable Indian Corn not to			
Exceed 3/4 p <sup>r</sup> Bushel . . . . .	0	3	4 -
Good Marchantable Oats not to Exceed 2/			
p <sup>r</sup> bushel . . . . .	0	2	- -

## Fresh Pork &amp; Salt Pork

Good Fresh Pork well fatted and of a Good			
Quallity not to Exceed 4 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . . .	£0	0	4 -
Good Salt Pork of a good Quallity with-			
out bone not to Exceed 8 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . . .	0	0	8 -

## Cheefe butter &amp; Beef

Good cheefe not to Exceed 6 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . . . .	£0	0	6 -
Good Butter not to Exceed 9 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . . .	0	0	9 -
Good Grafs fatted Beef well fatted not to			
Exceed 3 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . . . . .	0	0	3 -
& Good Stall feed Beef not to Exceed 4 <sup>d</sup>			
p <sup>r</sup> lb . . . . .	0	0	4 -
and Beef of an Inferior Quallity in Eaquel			
Propotion . . . . .	-	-	- -

## Raw Hides &amp; Skins

Raw hides not to Exceed 3 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . . .	£0	0	3 -
Raw Calf Skins not to Exceed 6 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . .	0	0	6 -

Pease Beans Pertatoes & Turnips

Good Marchantable Pease not to Exceed 7/

p<sup>r</sup> bushel . . . . . £0 7 --

Good Marchantable Beans not to Exceed

6/ p<sup>r</sup> bushel . . . . . 0 6 --

Good Marchantable Protatoes in the Fall

not to Exceed 1/ p<sup>r</sup> bushel . . . . . 0 1 0 -

and at the Spring or other Seasons 1/6 p<sup>r</sup>

bushel . . . . . 0 1 6 -

Good turnip not to Exceed 1/ p<sup>r</sup> bushel . 0 1 --

Sheeps Woll & mens Stockings

Good Sheep<sup>s</sup> woll of a good Quallity not

to Exceed 2/ p<sup>r</sup> lb . . . . . £0 2 0 -

and other Woll in Propotion . . . . . - - --

mens Stockings of the best Quallity not to

Exceed 6/ . . . . . 0 6 --

Cordwainers Bill

For making for men and Finding Lothar

of the best Quallity not to Exceed 8/ £0 8 0 -

& other shoes of a Lefser Size in Lefser

Propotion . . . . . - - --

For making mens shoes the Farmer Find-

ing Lothar not to Exceed 3/ . . . . . - 3 --

and Lefser Shoes in Eaquel Propotion as

Ufeal . . . . . - - --

Tanner & Curier

Good Sole Lothar of the best Quallity not

to Exceed 1/3 p<sup>r</sup> lb . . . . . £0 1 3 -

And Curried Lothar in Eaquel Propotion

as Ufeal . . . . . - - --

Mutton Lamb & Veal

Good Lamb, Mutton & Veal not to Exceed

3<sup>d</sup>1/2 p<sup>r</sup> lb of the best . . . . . £0 0 3 2

[130] Flax

Good Flax well drest fit for the makett

not to Exceed 1/ p<sup>r</sup> lb . . . . . £0 1 0 -

## Wheat Flower

Good Wheat flower not to Exceed 22/ p <sup>r</sup>			
hun <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	£1	2	0 -
and Lefser Quantities in Propotion as Useal	-	-	- -

## Tavern Keepers

Horse Keeping not to Exceed 1/3 a night			
or 24 hours on Good English Hay . .	£0	1	3 -
Good Paftering a night or 24 hours not			
to Exceed 8 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	0	0	8 -
Ox keeping a night or 24 hours not to			
Exceed 1/6 . . . . .	0	1	6 -
A Good Pasture for a Yoke of Oxen one			
night or 24 hours /10 <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	0	0	10 -

## Poltry

Turky Dunghill fowls & Ducks not to Ex-			
ceed 5 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . . . . .	£0	0	5 -

## Geefe

Geefe not to Exceed 4 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb . . . . .	£0	0	4 -
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## Milk &amp; English Hay

Good new milk not to Exceed 2 <sup>d</sup> . . . .	£0	0	2 -
Good English Hay not to Exceed 3/ p <sup>r</sup>			
hun <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	0	3	- -

Boards Side Clabbords Set by our own Towns  
by order of Com<sup>tt</sup>

Good Marchantable pine boards not to			
Exceed 22/ p <sup>r</sup> Thoufand . . . . .	£1	2	- -
and other boards in Propotion to Quan-			
tity & Goodnefs . . . . .	-	-	- -
for Sawing pine boards not to Exceed 8/4			
p <sup>r</sup> Thoufand . . . . .	-	8	4 -
and other Sawing according to Quantity			
& Stuff as Useal . . . . .	-	-	- -
Good Marchantable side Clabbords not to			
Exceed 64/ p <sup>r</sup> Thoufand . . . . .	3	4	- -
Good Marchantable pine shingles not to			
Exceed 10/ p <sup>r</sup> Thoufand . . . . .	-	10	- -

Good Heart Staves & heading not to Exceed 30/ p <sup>r</sup> Thousand . . . . .	£1 10	-	-
Good Heart Barrills well made flat hoops not to Exceed 3/8 p <sup>r</sup> barrill . . . . .	-	3	8
and other Coopery Small or Great in Propotion as Ufeal . . . . .	-	-	-

Sut by Each Town by order of Com<sup>tt</sup>

A good Yoke of Oxen to Labour a Day from the first Day of april to the 20 <sup>th</sup> Day of May not to Exceed 1/10 p <sup>r</sup> Day	£0	1	10
and all other Seafons in Propotion as Ufeal . . . . .	-	-	-

Blackfmith Work & Cole

Black Smith work for Showing a horse Plain Showing not to Exceed 5/6 and all other Smith work in propotion . .	£0	5	6
For Good Charcole best Swamp wood 4 <sup>d</sup> by the bushel . . . . .	-	0	4
of pine not to Exceed 3 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> bushel . . . .	-	0	3

Victualing by the meal Flip Syder

For a Dinner Boyl & roasted not to Exceed 1/ . . . . .	£0	1	0
Either Boyld or Roasted 10 <sup>d</sup> and other meals in propotion . . . . .	-	0	10
a mugg of West India Flip not to Exceed 11 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> mugg . . . . .	-	0	11
New England Flip not to Exceed 9 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> mugg	-	-	9
Good Syder on Hand fill <sup>d</sup> on the Lees not to Exceed 11/ p <sup>r</sup> Barrill . . . . .	-	11	-

Horse hire

Horse hire for one person to ride not to Exceed 2 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> mile . . . . .	£0	0	2
going in a Carrage or Carry a burden in Ufeal Propotion . . . . .	-	-	-

Flax Seed

Good Flax seed clean fit for sowing not to Exceed 5/4 p <sup>r</sup> bushel . . . . .	£0	5	4
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a Good seed Plow for one Day not to Exceed 1/0 p <sup>r</sup> Day . . . . .	-	1	-	-
a Good Brakeing up Plow not to Exceed 2/5 p <sup>r</sup> Day . . . . .	-	2	5	-

## Taylors Bill Tow Cloth

Men Taylors 2/6 p <sup>r</sup> Day . . . . .	£0	2	6	-
woman Taylors for mens ware 11 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> Day	0	0	11	-
Either of the Taylors not to Exceed the prise perfixt . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Good tow Cloth yard wide 2/ a yard as in the act . . . . .	-	2	-	-
& other tow Cloth in propotion according to width and Quallity of the same kind & the prise of Corse Linnen to be computed after the same rate . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Good yard wide Strip <sup>d</sup> Flannel not to Exceed 3/6 p <sup>r</sup> y <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	-	3	6	-
and other Flannels in propotion according to width and Quallity . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Good all woll Blue Cloth well manurefactured not to Exceed 10/ y <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	0	10	0	-
and other Cloths and widths according to its Quallities . . . . .	-	-	-	-
Good yard wide Homspun Cotten & Linnen Cloth of the common Sort not to Exceed 3/6 p <sup>r</sup> y <sup>d</sup> . . . . .	-	3	6	-
& other widths and Quallitys of Cotten & Linnen in propotion . . . . .	-	-	-	-

## [131] Tallow

Good Tryed tallow not to Exceed 7 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb	£0	0	7	-
and Rough tallow not to Exceed 5 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> lb	-	-	5	-

## Wagon

Wagon for a Journey not to Exceed 2 <sup>d</sup> p <sup>r</sup> mile & in propotion up Contry as Useal	£0	-	2	-
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## Womens work for weveing

For weaving all woll Ell wide 4 <sup>d</sup> a yard	£0	0	4	0
and all weaveing in propotion according to its Quallity . . . . .	-	-	-	-



for one weeks Labor house work not to			
Exceed 2/6 . . . . .	-	2	6 -
and any Extradonary nulsing in propotion	-	-	- -

**Paftering Oxen**

A Good yoke of Oxen to Pafture one weak			
not to Exceed 2/4 a weak fat cattle of			
the Largest & the best Pasture . . .	£0	2	4 -
& other Paftering in propotion to the			
goodnefs of the Paftering & cattle .	-	-	- -

**on English Hay**

For keeping a Large yoke of Oxen on good			
English Hay one weak 3/4 . . . . .	£0	3	4 -
and other keeping of Cattle by the weak in			
the same propotion . . . . .	-	-	- -

**Bark for Tanners**

Good hemlock bark Delivered at the tan			
house 10/ a cord . . . . .	£0	10	- -
Good Oak bark so Delivered not to Exceed			
9/ p <sup>r</sup> cord . . . . .	-	9	- -

Signd by order of the Selectmen & committee of the  
Town of Fitchburg . . .

	David Goodridge Chairman
A True copy attest	Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester Is To Either of the Conftables of the  
Town of Fitchburg Greeting —

These are therefore in the name of the Government  
and people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order  
and Direct you forth with to convene the Freeholders &  
other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by  
Law to vote in Town meeting to affemble at the meeting  
houfe in Fitchburg on munday the Third Day of March  
next at nine of the Clock in the forenoon then & there  
being Duly meet and formed to act on the following arti-  
cles (viz) . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To chuse Town Offercers for the year infewing as the Law Directs

3<sup>ly</sup> To Provid for the poor and Endigent perfons of said Town and in what way and manner as shall be thought most proper . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To Grant money for repairing highways the prefent year and to act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To accept of such roads as the Town shall think necessary that are Laid out by the Selectmen or their order . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To have all the Surveyors of high ways & high way Collecttors for the year past to make a return of their Collection & what is behind in their Lists to the Town the Day and time above mentioned for further orders as shall be thought most proper by the Town . .

7<sup>ly</sup> To see if the swine may go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the Enfuing year . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> To here the report of the Committee that was chofen to Regulate & assist M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry concerning his Rates & to act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a committee or committees if need be or act any thing as shall be thought proper by the Town there for . . .

[132] Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this Thirteenth Day of February & in the year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Isaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester Is In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings of the time and place of this meeting . . .

W<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitant of the Town of Fitchburg affsembled March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1777 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Deacon Goodridge moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> 3<sup>ly</sup> 4<sup>ly</sup> 5<sup>ly</sup> 6<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Deacon David Goodridge M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Walker M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibson & Liev<sup>t</sup> Kendol Boutell Selectmen . . Selectmen

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . Town Clerk

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood Town Treasury Town Treasury

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Elijah Carter Constable for the South side the Town Excepted Tho<sup>s</sup> Stearns in Elijah Carters Rome . . . . . Constable

10<sup>ly</sup> 11<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Solomon Stewad & Jon<sup>a</sup> Holt Wardens . . . . . Wardens

12<sup>ly</sup> 13<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson & Daniel Farwell . . . . . Tythingmen

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Selectmen be Affessors . . affessors

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Rufsell David Parce Joshua Goodridge John Carter Kendal Boutell Jo<sup>s</sup> Adams & Nathan Babcock Survayers of highways & collecttors of highway taxes . Survayers of highways & Collettors of highway taxes

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Ju<sup>r</sup> and Amos Kimball . . . . . Deer Reves

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose John Bufs & Nich<sup>s</sup> Danforth . Firewards

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Henery Lealand Daniel Putnam W<sup>m</sup> Small & Oliver Upton . . hog Reves . . . Hog Reves

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Solomon Steward Surveyer of Shingle & Clabords . . Surveyors of Shingles & Clabbords

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood Surveyor of hoops & Staves . . . . . Surveyors of Hoops & Staves

21<sup>st</sup> Voted & chose Nicholas Danforth & Daniel Putnam . . . . . Fence vewers

22<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Sealer of Lothar Sealer of Lothar

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose David Parce Sealer of Waits & measures . . . . . Sealer of W<sup>ts</sup> & measures

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted that their shall be a Committee of Corrafpondence Inspection & Safty . . . . .

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose James Poole Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben [Gibson] Daniel Putnam Joseph Fox & Jo<sup>s</sup> Phelps a Commit-

tee of Corraspondence Infpection & Safty . . . Committee  
of Corraspondence Infpection & Safty

[133] 26 Voted that The town of Fitchburg pay  
Mr James Poole six pounds to board Mifs Heart one  
whole whole year and so in propotion provided she should  
not Live the year out . . . . . £6 0 0 -

27 Voted to Raise fifty pounds to mend the high  
ways and that the sum be workt out in the same manner  
as years past . . . . . 50 - - -

28 Voted to chuse a Committee to Treat with Cap<sup>t</sup>  
Flint with regard to a road Leading from Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibsons

29<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Phinehas Hartwell Charles Willard  
& Elijah Carter be the Committee . . . . .

30<sup>ly</sup> Fitchburg March y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1777

In Obediance to the orders of the Selectmen of the  
Town of Fitchburg we the Subscribers have Laid out a  
two rod road begining at the house of Kendal Boutells &  
runing Northerly on s<sup>d</sup> Boutells Land to Land of Tho<sup>s</sup>  
Hills & then runs on said Hills Land to Land of Roger  
Bigelows & then Runs on s<sup>d</sup> Bigelows Land to Land of  
Mr Burts & then Runs on said Burts Land to Land of  
Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdins & then runs on s<sup>d</sup> Cowdins Land to Land  
of Hezekiah Hodgskins & runs through a corner of s<sup>d</sup>  
Hodgskins Land to Land of Paul Wetherbees & then  
runs on the Edge of s<sup>d</sup> Wetherbees Land upon the ridge  
to Land of s<sup>d</sup> Hodgskins & runs through another corner  
of s<sup>d</sup> Hodgskins Land to the road that Leads to the  
meeting house two Lenth of fence from the corner which  
road is Descrived by trees marked on the west side of the  
road . . . . .

And alfo another two Rod road begining near the  
North East corner of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdins Land & runs through  
said Cowdins Land to Land of Nehemiah Fullers & then  
runs through the Land of s<sup>d</sup> Fullers by his house to Land  
of Titus Wilders & through s<sup>d</sup> Wilders Land by his house  
to his South Line which road is Discribed by trees marked  
on the Southerly side of the Road

Kendal Boutell	}	Committee
Nehemiah Fuller		
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hill		

The town voted to Except the above Described roads if the Land is Given

31<sup>ly</sup> A two rod road requested by & laid out for Jonathan Boynton & Reuben Smith freeholders in the Town of Fitchburg where as Jonathan Boynton Reuben Smith Elijah Carter being a committee appointed by the Selectmen of Fitchburg to Lay out s<sup>d</sup> road which is as follows begining at Jonathan Boyntons House then runing a north Easterly point to s<sup>d</sup> Smiths Land then Through a corner of s<sup>d</sup> smiths Land to M<sup>r</sup> Wards the trees marked on the North Westerly side then runing East on the line between said smiths Land and said Wards Land to an Oak tree one rod on Each Lot then runing North through said wards Land to the corner of Widow Whitcombs Land the trees marked on the West-erly side then runing East to the Road that leads to Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> house Laid out by us the Subscribers

Elijah Carter	} Committee of Said Road
Reuben Smith	
Jonathan Boynton	

Further more the above Jonathan Boynton promises that he will give a road through his Land where the town shall think most needfull when requested provided the above mentioned road is Given Jon<sup>a</sup> Boynton

The above Defribed road is Excepted by the Town if Given . . . .

[134] Fitchburg December y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1776

32<sup>ly</sup> A two rod road requested by and Laid out for Joseph Wetherbee & Jon<sup>a</sup> Wetherbee freeholders in said Town Begining at Jon<sup>a</sup> Wetherbees house then over the Bridge to M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Wetherbees house then on s<sup>d</sup> Wetherbees Land to Elias Haskiels Land then through Haskiels Land to Deacon Harri<sup>s</sup> Land then through s<sup>d</sup> Harri<sup>s</sup> Land to Haskiels Land again then through s<sup>d</sup> Haskiels to the County road that Leads to the meeting house in said Town the trees marked on the Northerly side of said road from the first mentioned place by us the Subscribers

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	



Furthermore the above Joseph Weatherbee promises that he will give a road road through his Land where the town shall think most neadfull when requested attest

Joseph Wetherbee

The town Excepted the above Described road if the Land is Given . . . . .

\*33<sup>ly</sup> We the committee appointed by the Town of Fitchburg to regulate a former road Laid out for Sam<sup>ll</sup> Gibson Jon<sup>a</sup> Brooks Andrew Grimes Jo<sup>s</sup> Heart Phinehas Brown Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Bellows as has tofore ben Described formerly Laid from Sam<sup>ll</sup> Gibsons to Cap<sup>t</sup> Flints North East & Jo<sup>s</sup> Hearts South East corner being near together then begining betwixt said corners runing Southerly on Land of Sam<sup>ll</sup> Herricks a few rods acrost the corner to Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Flints Land on the line betwixt said Flints & Herricks the width of s<sup>d</sup> rode all on said Flints Land down to the East End of s<sup>d</sup> Flints barn then by said barn by the house as near as convenient to the County road Laid for a two rod rode

Dated Fitchburg March 10<sup>th</sup> 1777

Phinehas Hartwell { Committee  
Charles Willard }

The town voted & Excepted the former road Leading from the County road to Sam<sup>ll</sup> Gibsons as is above Described if the Land is Given

34<sup>ly</sup> Fitchburg March 27<sup>th</sup> 1777 . . . . .

We being chofen to take a Survey of a road layed out by the Selectmen from Sam<sup>ll</sup> Gibsons House to Cap<sup>t</sup> Flints according to our orders have ben & find that the Land is very bad for a road and according to our Judgments the road will be much cheaper to Leive that road By m<sup>r</sup> Harts old Seller through s<sup>d</sup> Harts Land to Land of Phinehas Browns & through s<sup>d</sup> Browns Land to Land of M<sup>r</sup> Herricks & through s<sup>d</sup> Herricks Land to Land of M<sup>r</sup> Charles Willards & through said Willards Land to the county road s<sup>d</sup> road Layed out by marked trees till it comes to M<sup>r</sup> Herricks cleared Land & to the west of s<sup>d</sup> Herricks

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\* Now known as Caswell road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]



House & so between m<sup>r</sup> Willards house and and barn a two rod road by us

Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood } Towns  
Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo } Committee

[135] The town voted & accepted of the towns committee<sup>s</sup> report with regard to the road Laid out from Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibsons house to the county road by m<sup>r</sup> Charles Willards house

35<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the last years high way rates that is not Collected be workt out by the 10<sup>th</sup> of June and that the Last year Surveyors se that it is workt out by the time perfixed

36 Voted that the swine run at Large under the regulation of the Law . . . .

37 Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perrys Rates Delivered him to Collect Still remain in his hands to Collect till fall meeting and as fast as collected to pay to the Town Treasury

\*38 Voted to chuse a committee to Lay out a road from Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibsons to the County road . . .

\*39 Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Thurlo & Joseph Adams be the Committee

40 Votes called for a County Register and brought in sealed up & A return made on the warrant as Directed

This meeting adjurned to munday 31<sup>st</sup> Day of this Instant march at twelve OClock

March 31<sup>st</sup> 1777 meet according to adjournment the meeting opened & proceeded to bifinefs

41<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Nicholas Danforth Conftable for the North side . . . . . Conftable

This meeting Defolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Town offercers sworn

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs To Thomas Stearns one of the Conftables of the town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting—

These are therefore in the name of the government and people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order

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\*This a miftake in recording should have been 34<sup>ly</sup> & 35<sup>ly</sup> & the 34 where this is

& Direct you forthwith to notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of this Instant march at One OClock in the afternoon then & there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz —

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To See what meafures the town will come into Relative to raising the coto of men for Service of this State for three years according to the General Corts order & compute what has ben already done in carrying on the war or act any thing refering there too as they shall think proper when meet &c . . .

Hereof fail not and make a return of this warrant with with your doings therin to sum one of us at or before the Day [136] and time above mentioned Given under Our hands & Seal this Seventeenth Day of March and in the year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phenias Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	
Kendol Boutell	

Worcester: fs: March 31<sup>st</sup> 1777 —

In Obedience to within written warrant I have notified and warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on munday the 31<sup>st</sup> Day of this Instant march at one OClock in after noon to act on the articles herein mentioned

Attest Tho<sup>s</sup>. Stearns Conftable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled March 31<sup>st</sup> 1777

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose David Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> The Question being put to see if the town will act upon the 2<sup>nd</sup> article in the warrant & it paffed in the Affirmative

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to reconsider the Last vote

This meeting Difolved

David Goodridge moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcfter: fs To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg these are therefore in the name of the Goverment & people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify Verberly by word of mouth all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants belonging to the North Company of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affembly & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the ninth Day of June next at two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To chuse by Ballot sum person who is firmly attached to the American cause to procure and Lay before a Special Court of Seffions of the Peace to be held for that purpose [137] the Evidence that may be had of the inimical difpofitions towards this or any of the United States, of any Inhabitants of this Town who who shall be charged by the free holders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town or act any thing refering to an act intitled An Act for Securing this and the other United States against the Danger to which they are Exposed by the internal Enemies thereof

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentiod Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 31<sup>st</sup> Day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within written warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants=as Directed of the time & place of this meeting and for the purpose within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conftable

(Seal) Worcester: Is To Thomas Stearns one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg

These are in the Name of the Government & people of the Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify Verbely by word of mouth all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants belonging to the South Company of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting to Affembly and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the ninth Day of June next at two OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>y</sup> To chuse a Moderator to govern said meeting

2<sup>y</sup> T chuse by ballot sum person who is firmly attached to the American Cause to procure & lay before a Special Court of Sessfions of the Peace to be held for that purpose the Evidence that may be had of the inimical dispossfions towards this or any other of the United States of any Inhabitants of this Town who shall be charged by the freeholders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town or act any thing refering to an act intitled an act for securing this and the other United States against the Danger to which they are Exposed by the internal Enemies thereof

Hereof faiel not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of May in the Year of Our Lord 1777—

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	

Worcester Is June 9<sup>th</sup> 1777— In Obedience to the within written warrant I have notified all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg belonging to the South Comp<sup>y</sup> Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in said Town on munday the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant June at two O Clock in the afternoon to act on the article mention in said warrant

Tho<sup>s</sup> Stearns Constable

[138] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled June 9<sup>th</sup> 1777 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and made chose of Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Made chois of M<sup>r</sup> Phenihias Hartwell whome the Town Prefumes is a man Firmly atteached to the Amari-can Cause to procure and Lay before a Special Court of Sessions of the Peace to be held for the following Purposes, to precure the Evidence that may be had of the Enemical disposissions towards this or any of the United States, of any Inhabitants of this Town who shall be Charged by the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Joseph Fox & Ephraim Kimball be a Committee to go and purchase a Chist of Guns to be sold in the Town if a Sufficient Number of Men Engages to purchase the Guns

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjurn this meeting to the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of this present June at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1777 The Town meet according to adjornment and adjorned s<sup>d</sup> meeting to the first munday in Sept<sup>r</sup> next at two OClock in the afternoon at the Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Sept<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1777 Then meet according to adjornment and the Meeting opened by the moderator two Selectmen & the Town Clerk Present and adjornd this meeting to the Last Tusday of this present month three OClock in the afternoon at this place . . . . .

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Sept<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1777— Meet according to adjornment and the Town voted that this meeting be adjorned to the first munday of Dcemb<sup>r</sup> next at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1777 meet according to adjornment and the meeting opened by the Moderator, Three Selectmen &



Town Clerk Present & voted that this meeting be adjourned to the Last munday in this present month at two OClock in the afternoon at this place

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Decembr 29<sup>th</sup> 1777

Meet according to adjournment & the meeting opened by the Moderator, & the vote being put to see if this Meeting be Difolved, & it pased in the affirmative

The Meeting was accordingly Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[139] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting— These are therefore in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order and direct you to Notify and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Asssembly and meet at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of this present June at two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet & formed to act on the following Articles (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2<sup>nd</sup> To chuse the number of men as Specified in an Act intituled An act for amending and more Effectually carrying into Execution and act to prevent Monopoly and Oppression made in this present year, the Said persons to prosecute all breaches of s<sup>d</sup> act for proventing Monopoly and oppression which shall come to their Knowledge or act any thing refering their too as they shall think proper

3<sup>rd</sup> To see what method the Town will come into with regard to raising the Remainder of the Continential Soldiers propotioned for this Town and compute what has already ben dun towards carrying On this present War or act any thing refering theirtoo as they shall think proper when meet

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the



time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal  
this ninth Day of June in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Phenihah Hartwell	
Isaac Gibson	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within warrant I  
have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of  
the Town of Fitchburg of the time & place and for the  
purposes within Mentioned for this meeting

Nicholas Danforth Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Fitchburg Affsembled June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1777—

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted Chose M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibson Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> The Vote was put to see if the Town would Chuse  
the number of Men as Specified in the Monopoly Act for  
the purposes Mentioned in said Monopoly Act, And it  
pased in the Affirmative

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse five Men for the purposes in the  
warrant for this meeting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Article

4 <sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Maj <sup>r</sup> Ebn <sup>r</sup> Bridge	} The five men chosen by the Town Excepted of their appoint- ment & prom- ised to take the Oath when re- quested by y <sup>e</sup> Selectmen
5 <sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose M <sup>r</sup> Afa Perry	
6 <sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose M <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Herrick	
7 <sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose M <sup>r</sup> Elijah Garfield	
8 <sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose M <sup>r</sup> Daniel Farwell	

[140] 9<sup>ly</sup> The vote was put to see if the Town would  
Estimate the Cost of the present war Each Comp<sup>y</sup> by  
themselves; and it pased in the Affermative

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse Seven Men to Eftimate what has  
ben Don in the present War

11 <sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose M <sup>r</sup> Ebn <sup>r</sup> Bridge	} Committee
12 <sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Joseph Fox	
13 <sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Sam <sup>ll</sup> Parce	
14 <sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Daniel Putnam	
15 <sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Daniel Farwell	
16 <sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap <sup>t</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Wood	
17 <sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap <sup>t</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Thurlo	

18<sup>ly</sup> A vote was put to see if the Town would pay the cost of the War when Eftimated, by A rate of the Town

And it pafsed in the Affermative . . .

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Cap<sup>t</sup> of Each Comp<sup>y</sup> the Selectmen & Committee be impowered to borrow a Sufficient Sum of money to pay our Continential Soldiers that is not paid Sufficient to make up Our Coto of Continential Soldiers upon the Towns Credit . . . . .

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted that no man that cannot be Legally Affefsed receive any money out of the Town Treasury by the Eftimation made for the prefent war

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adjornd to the first Day of July next at this place at four OClock in the afternoon

July 1<sup>st</sup> 1777—

The Town meet according to adjournment

The committee that was appointed to Eftimate what has ben don in the prefent war has attended that Service and made their report

22<sup>ly</sup> It was put to vote to see if the Town would accept of the Eftimation made by the Committee and it pafsed in the Negative . . . . .

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Cap<sup>ts</sup> Selectmen & Committee return the money which they was ordered to borrow to pay Continential Soldiers that is not already procured . . .

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be Difolved and the articles Stand as they are now recorded . . . . .

Isaac Gibson Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[141] (Seal) Worcefter: fs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In the name of the Government and people of the Maffachufetts Bay you are hereby required to warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Tusday the thirtieth Day of this presents month at One

OClock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To vote the Reverend John Payson his Salury for the Year Enfuing—& Likewise to see if the Town will make any Addition to his Salury for the year Enfuing . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To raise money for the School for the year Enfuing

4<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a Committee to provide a School or schools for the year Enfuing

5<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will come intoo to provide the Reverend John Payson his wood . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To raise money to Support Mifs Hart the Year Enfuing . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> To have all persons that<sup>s</sup> Done Service for the Town bring in their act<sup>s</sup> and raise money for the Same

8<sup>ly</sup> To raise money to Defray Town charges for the Year Enfuing . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will raise money for the Amination & Guns provided by the Selectmen for the Towns Use or act any thing refering theretoo

10<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will raise money to purchase more Amination & Guns for the Towns Use . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will come into sum method that the money paid in this Town to hire the three Years Continential men be made into a rate or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this fifteenth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> and in the Year of Our Lord 1777

David Goodridge	{ Selectmen For Fitchburg
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	
Kendol Boutell	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within warrant to me Directed I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting & for the purposes within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conftable

[142] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled Sept<sup>r</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1777 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & made Chose of Deacon Goodridge as Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted the Reverend John Payson his Salury which is . . . . . £66 13 4

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to make Mr Payson sum confideration for the Year Enfuig . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to reconfider the Last vote . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise Thirty pounds to Support the Schools the Year Enfuig . . . . . 30 --

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose David Parce Nicholas Danforth Abraham Farwell Daniel Farwell & Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdin a Committee to provide Schools the Year Enfuig

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to give Sam<sup>l</sup> Parce £7-0-0 for giting Mr Payson Thirty Cord of Good Wood One whole Year begining the first of Decmbr<sup>t</sup> Next the Wood to be corded up at Mr Paysons house Acording to Law . . . . . £7 --

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise Six pounds to Support Mifs Hart One whole Year the money to be paid to Mr Poole 6 --

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Cowdin his acct which is . . . . . 0 19 --

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson his acct which is . . . . . 2 8 3 p<sup>d</sup>

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Afeph Goodridge his acct which is . . . . . 0 11 6

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridge his acct which is . . . . . 0 8 0

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Solomon Steward his acct which is . . . . . 1 16 0

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood his acct in part which is . . . . . 4 0 0

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridge his Act for Serving as Selectman & Affefor for the Year past . . . . . 1 0 0

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Isaac Gibson his Act for Serving as Selectman & Affefor the year past . . . . . 1 0 0

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Joseph Walker his Act for Serving as Selectman & Affefor the Year Past . . . . . 1 0 0

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Phinehas Hartwell his Act for Serving As Selectman & Affefor the Year past . . . . . 1 0 0

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow four of the Selectmen for shillings  
Each for numbering the people Last winter which is — 16 0

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise Thirty pounds to Defray Nefefary  
charges . . . . . 30 0 0

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise twenty one pound Seven shillings  
to pay for the Aminition provided by the Selectmen 21 7 0

22<sup>nd</sup> Voted to Raise Thirty five pounds two shillings  
to pay for nine Guns purchafed by the Selectmen for y<sup>e</sup>  
Towns Use . . . . . 35 2 0

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted to sell the Nine Guns purchafed by the  
Selectmen for the most they can be sold for . . .

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Selectmen Sell the Guns and be  
accountable to the Town for what they sell them for and  
to rent them out untill sold if wanted . . . . .

[143] 25<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise Thirty pounds to purchase  
Aminition for the Towns Use . . . . . £30 0 0

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to act upon the 11<sup>th</sup> Article in the war-  
rant

The meeting Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: fs: To Thomas Stearns one of the  
Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg—Greeting . . . .

These are therefore in the Name of the Government  
and People of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order  
and Direct you forthwith to notify by Verbal warning the  
freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg  
Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble  
at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Munday the Seven-  
teenth Day of this Instant November at one OClock in the  
afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act  
on the following articles (viz) . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To Chufe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will take into Confideration  
& Remonstrate to the General Court against a Late Act  
made for putting large Sums of the Bills of Credit Emit-  
ted by this State on Interest on the first Day of Decem-  
ber next & prohibiting the Currency of any of the Bills  
of the United States on Penalty of Five pounds &c And



Petition for a Redrefs of said agrievences or act any thing theiron as they shall think Proper . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will take into Confideration a Late Act of the General Court for providing Necesaries for the Families of the non Commisioned Offercers and Soldiers as have Engaged in the Continential Service for this Town and Act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will agree with Mr Ezra Upton for a Certain two Rod road running from John Car- ters Land to the County Road or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will abate any of the Rates in any of the Conftables Lists or act any thing Refering theiarto as think proper . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doing theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Tenth Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> & in the Year of Our Lord 1777—

N: B Sir you are to warn all the South side as heretofore—

David Goodridge	} Selectmen of Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	
Kendal Boutell	

[144] Worcester: fs Nov<sup>r</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1777 . . .

In Obedience to this warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of the time & place of this meeting as Described in said warrant & . . . .

Thomas Stearns Constable

(Seal) Worcester: fs: To Nicholas Danforth one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . .

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to order and Direct you forthwith to Notify by Verbal Warning the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble at the Meeting House in Fitchburg On Munday



the Seventeenth Day of this Instant November at one OClock in the afternoon then and their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will take into Consideration & Remonstate to the General Court against a Late Act made for putting Large sums of the Bills of Credit Emitted by this State on Interest on the first Day of December next & prohibiting the Currency of any of the Bills of the United States on penalty of Five pounds &c. and pertition for a Redrefs of said agrevences or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will take into Consideration a Late Act of the General Court for providing Necesaries for the families of the Non Commiissioned Offercers & Soldiers as have Engaged in the Continential Service for this Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will agree with M<sup>r</sup> Ezra Upton for a certain two rod road Running from John Carters Land to the County Road or act any thing theiron as they shall think Proper . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will abate any of the Rates in any of the Conftables Lists or act any thing Refering their too as they shall think proper . . . . .

Here of fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Tenth Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> And in the Year of Our Lord 1777 . . . . .

N: B	David Goodridge	{ Selectmen for Fitchburg
Sir you are to warn	Phinehas Hartwell	
all the North side	Joseph Walker	
as here tofore —	Isaac Gibson	
	Kendal Boutell	

[145] Worcester: Is: In Obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the time & place within Mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled Nov<sup>r</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> 1777

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Act upon the second Article in the Warrant

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Remonstrate to the Great and General Court for the Redrefs of the agravances mentioned in the Second Article in the Warrant and Lay it before the Town for confideration

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse five men as a committee

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell Maj<sup>r</sup> Bridge Liev<sup>t</sup> Abraham Gibson Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Flint & Liev<sup>t</sup> Kendal Boutell the Committee . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pass Over the Third Article in the Warrant to certain time when this meeting shall be adjourned

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a Committee to Settle with M<sup>r</sup> Ezra Upton with regard to the road Leading from John Carters Land to the County Road. . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse three men for the Committee

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibson

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Flint

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adjourned to munday the 24<sup>th</sup> of this present Month at one OClock in the afternoon at this place. . . . .

Nov<sup>r</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1777.

The Town meet according to adjournment

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a Committee as was mentioned in a Late act of Court to Surply the non Commiſſioned Offercers and Private Soldiers Engaged in the Continental Army with the Neceſſaries of Life as mentioned in said Act

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse three as a Committee

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Deacon Thurftin

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson

{ the  
Committee

18<sup>ly</sup> The Remonſtance Drew up by the Committee appointed to send to the General Court presented it to the Town and the Town Conſidered it and Voted to accept it and send it to the General Court

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town Clerk Draw a Coppy of the Remonfance & send it to the General Court and Sign it in the Behalf of the Town

The meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[146] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Nicholas Danforth One of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburgh—Greeting—

In the name of the Government and people of the Maffachufetts Bay you are hereby ordered to warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble & meet at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Thursday the fifth Day of February next at One OClock in the afternoon then & their being Duly meet & formed to Act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to govern said meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To take into confideration a Late Act of the General Court Enabling such Towns as incline to raise such sums of money for the purpose of Lessening their propotion of the publick Debt or any part or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper when meet

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the town will take into Consideration, The confederation sent out by the Continential Congress to the Several States which is communicated to the Several Towns in this State by our General Court for their Approbation or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper when meet . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under Our Hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Twenty third Day of January in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . .

David Goodridge	{	Selectmen For Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell		
Joseph Walker		
Isaac Gibson		
Kendal Boutell		

Worcester: fs In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the freeholders & other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the time & place and for the purposes within mentioned

Nicholas Danforth Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled February 5<sup>th</sup> 1778—

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to raise any money as mentioned in the 2<sup>nd</sup> article in the warrant in order to Lessen our Publick Debt . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Concur with the Confederation sent out by the Congress of the United States

This meeting Difolved David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[147] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Thomas Stearns one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting

These are therefore in the Name of the Government & people of the State Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forth with to notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Assembly at the meeting house in Fitchburg on munday the Second Day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then & their being duly meet meet and formed to act on the following articles

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to Govern Said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To chuse Town offcers for the Year Enfuing as the Law directs

3<sup>ly</sup> To provide for the poor and Endigent persons of said Town and in what way and manner as shall be thought most proper

4<sup>ly</sup> To grant money for repairing the highways the presnt year or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To Accept of such roads as the Town shall think nesefary that are laid out by the Selectmen or their order

6<sup>ly</sup> To have all the Surveyors of Highways & highway Collectors for the Year past to make a return of their Collections and what is behind in their Lists to the Town the Day & time above mentioned for further orders as shall be thought most proper by y<sup>e</sup> town

7<sup>ly</sup> To see if the swine may go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the Ensuing year . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> To here the report of the Reckning with The Town Treasury for the Year past . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow Mr Pooles corner to have the school money, that they neglected schooling out Last year . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the South Militia Company under the command of Capt Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood in said Town will take to raise that part of money which is yet Due. That the Selectmen & Committee of Said Town was impoured to borrow for the Use of Hireing Continental Soldiers which said Selectmen & committee are on behalf of said Company accountable for or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper to Discharge said Town

11<sup>ly</sup> To see how the Town will dispose of the money which the Selectmen have rec<sup>d</sup> for the provisions sent to the Soldiers at Concord fight or any thing refering there too

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Joseph Walker	
Isaac Gibson	
Kendal Boutell	

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before the day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this ninth Day of february & in the Year of our Lord 1778 . . .

[148] Worcester: fs March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778 . . .

In Obedience to this warrant I have Notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to Vote in Town meeting to meet at the meeting house in said Town on Munday the Second Day of March next at



Nine OClock in the morning in order to act on the articles mentioned in Said warrant &c

Thomas Stearns Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled March 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778 . . .

1<sup>y</sup> Voted & made Choife of Deacon David Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose Deacod Goodridge 1<sup>st</sup> Selectman

3<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell 2<sup>nd</sup> Selectman

4<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose Liev<sup>t</sup> Abraham Gibson 3<sup>rd</sup> Selectman

5<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose Liev<sup>t</sup> Elijah Carter 4<sup>th</sup> Selectman

6<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Hartwell 5<sup>th</sup> Selectman

7<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . . . Town Clerk

8<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose Joseph Fox Town Treafury . Town Treafury

9 <sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M <sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibson	} Committy of Corrifpondence inspection & Safty
10 <sup>y</sup> Voted & Chose M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Walker	
11 <sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M <sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam	

12<sup>y</sup> Voted and chose M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry . . . Conftable for the South side

13<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Adams . . Conftable for the North side

14<sup>y</sup> Voted to Excuse M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry being Conftable for the south side this Year

15<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Jefse French . . . Conftable for south side

16 <sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M <sup>r</sup> Joseph Sawyer	} Wardens
17 <sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M <sup>r</sup> W <sup>m</sup> Brown	

18 <sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M <sup>r</sup> Nicholas Danforth	} Tything men
19 <sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M <sup>r</sup> Paul Wetherbee	

20<sup>y</sup> Voted That the Selectmen be Affeffor . Affeffors

21<sup>y</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Reuben Gibson Jun<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Harrifs Jun<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Oliver Stickney M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Stearns M<sup>r</sup> Abraham Farwell M<sup>r</sup> John Parks & M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Holt Surveyer of Highways & Collectors of the highway Taxes . . . Surveyer of Highways & Collector of highway Taxes



22<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Mr Jofhua Parce & John Bufs . .  
Dear Reves

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Mr John Bufs & Peter Nurs . .  
Fire wards

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Mr Elijah Macintire Mr Ebn<sup>r</sup> Pol-  
ley Mr Thomas Kimball & Mr Maximillion Jewett . . .  
Hog Reves

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Mr Solomon Steward . . Sur-  
veyor of Shingles & Clabbords

[149] 26<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood . .  
Surveyor of hoops & Staves

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Mr Jofhua Goodridge & Mr Amos  
Ordeway . . . . . Fence Vewers

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Mr Kendal Bancroft . . . Sealer  
of Lother

29<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Mr David Parce . . . Sealer of  
Weights & meafures

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town of Fitchburg pay Mr James  
Poole fifteen pounds to Board Mif<sup>s</sup> Heart One whole  
year and so in propotion provided She should not live  
the year out . . . . . £5 0 0

31<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adjorned to Munday  
the ninth Day of this Instant March at nine OClock in  
the forenoon at this place . . .

March 9<sup>th</sup> 1778 . . . . .

The Town meet according to adjornment & proceeded  
upon Befinef

32<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Each man that works upon the high  
ways the Prefent year be allowed 1/4 for Each hours  
work upon the Spot

33<sup>ly</sup> Voted that A pair Oxen Cart & Plow be as  
much more in propotion as A man has by the hour more  
than Ufeal for highway work . . . . .

34<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise One hundred & Fifty pounds to  
mend the highways this prefent Year . . . . .

35<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Difcontinue a Certain road Laid out  
by the Towns Committee March 27<sup>th</sup> 1777-, Through  
Mr Charles Willards Land & Samuel Herricks till it comes  
to Land of Phinehas Browns & then through A corner of  
Phinehas Browns till it comes near Harts Seller Hole . .

36<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibson } Committee to  
 M<sup>r</sup> Lemuel Hafkiel M<sup>r</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Brooks M<sup>r</sup> Jo<sup>s</sup> } lay out a rode  
 Hart M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Brown Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph } from Sam<sup>l</sup> Gib-  
 Flint & Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson a committee } sons House to  
 to Lay out a road from M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Gibson<sup>s</sup> } the County  
 House to the County Road . . . } Road

37<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Last Years Surveyers of highways see that the whole of their Rates be workt out by the Tenth of June next . . . . .

38<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Swine Run at Large this Year under the Regulation of the Law . . . . .

39<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Except of the Town Treasury<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> as they stand Setled with the Selectmen which is as follows viz—

They find in Liev <sup>t</sup> Silas Snows hands . .	£3	6	8	2
They find in Solomon Stewards hands . .	5	0	0	0
They find in Afa Perrys hands . . . . .	13	15	3	0
They find in Phinehas Sawyer <sup>s</sup> Ju <sup>r</sup> hands	6	18	8	1
They find in Cap <sup>t</sup> . Reuben Gibsons hands .	24	8	7	—
They find in Tho <sup>s</sup> Stearns <sup>s</sup> hands for the				
year 1776 . . . . .	15	5	1	1

[150] They find in Nicholas Danforths hands . . . . .	£122	16	2	0
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They find in Tho <sup>s</sup> Stearns <sup>s</sup> hands for the				
year 1777 . . . . .	118	4	11	0

They find in the Town Treasury <sup>s</sup> hand .	37	4	0	3
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They also find a note in the Town Treas-  
 ury<sup>s</sup> hand the Towns property signd by  
 Francies Fullum Dated Decemb<sup>r</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> 1772 on

Interest contents of said note . . . . .	2	2	0	3
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40<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the school money belonging to M<sup>r</sup> Pools corner the last year be not allowed to them as it was not schooled out in the time perfixed . . . . .

41<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over the Eleventh article in y<sup>e</sup> war-  
 rant . . . . .

42<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Reconfider the Last vote . . . . .

43<sup>ly</sup> Voted that all the money that was rec<sup>d</sup> by the  
 Selectmen for the Provisions that was carried to Our peo-  
 ple at Concord fight, Excepting Two pounds Thirteen  
 shillings & 4<sup>d</sup> Be paid to The Reverend John Payson, which  
 sum of two pounds Thirteen shillings & 4<sup>d</sup> be paid to

Maj<sup>r</sup> Ebn<sup>r</sup> Bridge & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Jun<sup>r</sup> the full sum the  
Selectmen Rec<sup>d</sup> was £14-11-0 . . . . . £11 17 8

the above paid

44<sup>ly</sup> Voted a chose Afa Perry Conftable for the south  
side . . . . . Conftable

Fitchburg Febr<sup>y</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1778 . . . . .

A two rod road Laid out by the Selectmen begining at  
a small hemlock tree near Kendoll Boutell<sup>s</sup> house Runing  
North till it comes to Land that Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin sold to  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Hill and Land that said Cowdin sold to James Pat-  
terson till it comes to Land now in Poffeffion of said  
Cowdin then make a turn till said Road comes to the  
East line of said Cowdins Land then Runs on the East  
Side of said Cowdins Land or as near as may be till said  
road Strikes Hezekiah Hodgskins Land and the Land given  
to the said Town of Fitchburg provided the town procures  
a Road through said Hodgskins & Paul Wetherbee<sup>s</sup> Land  
and said Road Described by marked trees on the West  
side of Said road

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin

Alfo a two Rod road laid out through a corner of  
Hezekiah Hodgskins Land till it comes to Land ownd by  
Paul Wetherbee Called the ridge so through said Wether-  
bee<sup>s</sup> Land till it comes to the Pitch of the Hill at the End  
of the ridge then through a small corner of s<sup>d</sup> Hodgskins<sup>s</sup>  
Land till it Strikes the Town Road

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburgh
Isaac Gibson	
Joseph Walker	

The above Described Road Excepted by the Town &  
the Land Given by Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Hezekiah Hodgskins &  
Paul Wetherbee

[151] Fitchburgh Febr<sup>y</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1778 . . . . .

\*Laid out for, & requested by Edward Scott of the  
Town of Fitchburgh, a two Rod road begining at a former  
Road Laid out by the Courts committee for the Use of  
said Farm which Leads to Lunenburg, first begining near

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\* Discontinued. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

a Certain Great Rock in said Scotts Land at the End of the above mentioned Road Runing up against the Barn then turning up between the two Dwelling houses from thence going South through the Orchard to the Common Land and through the Common about 3 or 4 Score Rods to M<sup>r</sup> Scotts New purchase Runing all on said Scotts Land to a former Road Runing from Ebn<sup>r</sup> Thurstins House to the Meeting house, treefe marked on the Easterly side of said Road . . . . .

Isaac Gibson	} Committee appointed By the Selectmen for the above purpose
Phinehas Hartwell	
Edward Scott	

This road Excepted by the Town and the Land given by Edward Scott . . . . .

This meeting adjourned by the Moderator to the Last munday of this preafent month at One O Clock in the afternoon at this place

March 30<sup>th</sup> 1778 . . . . .

The town meet according to adjournment and proceeded to beinefs . . . . .

This is to Certify to the Town that we as a committee have Laid out a road from M<sup>r</sup> Harts old Seller upon M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Browns & M<sup>r</sup> Harts Line they being willing to give their Land then coming upon the line between M<sup>r</sup> Herricks & M<sup>r</sup> Harts they being willing to give their Land if M<sup>r</sup> Herrick can have a Road from his house through M<sup>r</sup> L. Macintires Land to the County Road without any charge to the Town for the Land of said Road then coming upon the Land of M<sup>r</sup> Jacob Uptons to the County Road . . . . .

Sam <sup>l</sup> Gibson	} Committee
Lemuel Hafkiel	
Joseph Hart	
Jonathan Brooks	
Phinehas Brown	
Joseph Flint	
Reuben Gibson	

The Town voted & Excepted the whole of the Roads as above Described if the Land is given . . . . .

This meeting Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[152] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Joseph Adams one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg greeting these are therefore in the Name and Government & people of the Mafsachufetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the Free holders & other Inhabetants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg On the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of this Instant march at twelve of the Clock of s<sup>d</sup> Day then & their being duly meet & formed to act on the following Articles (viz) . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To chose a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will come into concerning repairing the great Bridge near the meeting house or act any thing Refering theirt to as it has ben requested By a number of the Inhabitants of said Town

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will take The Reverend Mr Payfsons request into Confideration or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To if the Town will take into confideration the State of the Continential Soldiers that Engaged for said Town & here their Request or act any thing thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not & make return of this warrant with your doings therein to Sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands & seal at Fitchburg this twelfth Day of this Instant march and in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . . . .

David Goodridge	}	Selectmen For Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell		
Abraham Gibson		
Elijah Carter		
Thomas Hartwell		

Worcester: fs March 30<sup>th</sup> 1778 . . . . .

In obedience to the within writen warrant I have notified & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & Place as within Requested

Joseph Adams Conftable for Fitchburgh



At a leagal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled March 30<sup>th</sup> 1778 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a committee to take care of the great Bridge near the Senter of the Town & to keep it in good repair the present year

3 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse three men for the Committee	} Committee to take care of the Bridge near the Sentr of the Town —
4 <sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Joseph Adams Joseph Walker & Cap <sup>t</sup> Cowdin to be of the Committee	

5<sup>ly</sup> It was put to vote to see if the Bridge should be covered with Oak plank which the Committee is to take care off. and it pased in the Affermative

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that William Brown be one of the Committee to take care of the Bridge near the Senter of the Town in the Rome of Joseph Walker

[153] 7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Deacon Thurstins Liev<sup>t</sup> Boutell Cap<sup>t</sup> Joseph Flint & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Walker be a Committee to carry the Subscribion paper or papers about to the Inhabitants of Said Town to subscribe sum of the Neffefarys of Life or any thing they please to Subscribe for M<sup>r</sup> Paysons support . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adjurned to the 13<sup>th</sup> Day of April next at One OClock in the afternoon at this place . . . .

David Goodridge moderator

April 13<sup>th</sup> 1778

The Town meet according to adjornment

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell Moderator in the rome of Deacon Goodridge who was absent . . .

The committee appointed by the Town to carry the Subscribion papers about to the Inhabitants of Fitchburg to Subscribe sum of the Nefefarys of Life, for M<sup>r</sup> Paysons support as a present to him, made their report to the Town and Presented it to him, which was kindly Excepted by M<sup>r</sup> Payson, and s<sup>d</sup> he was well Satisfied with what the Town had dun, untill Sep<sup>t</sup> next whis will be one year from the time the Subscribion paper was Dated



The meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: Is: To Afa Perry one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburg . . . . Greeting—

These are in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Maffachufetts Bay To order and direct you forthwith for to Notify & Warn all the Voatable Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to Assemble and meet att the meeting house in said Town on munday y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> of April next at One OClock in the afternoon of s<sup>d</sup> Day then & their being Duly mett & formed to act on the following articles . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a Moderator to Govern Said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Accept of the List of Juremen as fixed by the Selectmen, And make return of your doings to sum one of us on or before said Day Given under Our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this 30<sup>th</sup> of March 1778 . . . . .

David Goodridge } Selectmen  
Abraham Gibson } For  
Tho<sup>s</sup>. Hartwell } Fitchburg

Worcester Is In obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants as within Directed

Fitchburg April 13<sup>th</sup> 1778 Afa Perry Constable

[154] At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Affembled April 13<sup>th</sup> 1778—

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Liev<sup>t</sup> Elijah Carter Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Except of the list of Juremen as fixed by the Selectmen

The meeting Difolved

Elijah Carter Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: Is: To Afa Perry one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting These are in the name of the Government & people of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to

Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the South Comp<sup>y</sup> of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meeting, by Verble warning to Affemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the Eight day of this Instant may at five OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and Formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>ly</sup> To chose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the town will dispose of the money that the General Court has allowed To the Town for Each man they shall Engage for the Continential Service for said Town agreeable agreeable to the resolve of s<sup>d</sup> Court or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will take any other method besides drafting or with Drafting as the case may require to raise men for the War & make a Just Estimation on what Each man has done in the present war from the begining of Said War and raise men for the future by a rate in said Town for any Detachment whatsoever or act any thing refering theretoo as they shall think proper . .

Here of Fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal at Fitchburg this Eight Day of May before the time of meeting and in the Year of Our Lord 1778

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	

Worcester: fs: In obedience to the within warrant I have verbally warned the Inhabitants of the South side of the Town to meet at place and time appointed

Afa Perry Constable

Fitchburg may y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1778

[155] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Mr Joseph Adams One of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting

These are in the Name of the Government and people of the State of the Massachusettts Bay to order and direct

you forthwith to Notify all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the North Company of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings by Verbal warning to Assamble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the Eighth Day of this Instant may at five of the Clock in the afternoon then and their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

(viz) 1<sup>ly</sup> To chose a moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will Dispose of the money that the Greart and General Court has allowed or Devoted to the Town for Each man they shall Engage for the Continental Service for said Town agreeable to the Refolve of said Court or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To see whether the Town will take any other method besides Drafting or with Drafting as the Case may require to raise men for the War and make a Just Eftimation on what Each man has done in the present war from the begining of said war. & raise men for the futer by a Rate in said Town for any Detachments whatfoever or act any thing Refering theretoo as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to sum one of us at or before the time above mentioned Given under our hands & Seal at Fitchburg this Eight Day of may before the time of meeting and in the Year of our Lord 1778 . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	

Fitchburg may 1778 . . . . .

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & place as within requested  
Joseph Adams Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Asssembled May 8<sup>th</sup> 1778 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Maj<sup>r</sup>. Ebn<sup>r</sup>. Bridge moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the four hundred Dollers allowed by the General Court to Raise four Continental Soldiers for this Town be paid to the four men that shall Engage . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town Treasury give his note upon Interest to the four Soldiers that shall Engage in the Continental Service for a hundred Dollars Each to be paid by him or his Sucfeſor or hire the money for them upon the Towns Credit . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> A vote was put to see if the Town would Eſtimate what has ben done the preſent War by companys to raise and pay their Coto of Continental men and it paſed in the affirmative . . . .

[156] 5<sup>ly</sup> A vote was put to see if the Eſtimation ſhould be Eaqual p<sup>r</sup> month & it paſed in the affirmative

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Offercers Selectmen & committee proceed to raise the Continental men according to the Eſtimation by the month and according to Each mans Tax in the Town Rate

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be Diſolved

Ebn<sup>r</sup> Bridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worceſter: ſs: To Joseph Adams one of the Conſtables of the Town of Fitchburg. You are in the Name of the Government & people of the State of the Maſſachuſetts Bay to require & Direct you to Notify all the freeholders & other Inhabitants that are free & twenty One Years of Age in the Town of Fitchburg to Aſſembly at the meeting houſe in Fitchburg On Fryday the twenty ſecond day of this Inſtant May at two of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a moderator to Govern ſaid meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To ſee whether the Town will Give there approbation or diſapprobation on the Form of Government agreed upon by a Convention of ſaid State February 28<sup>th</sup> 1778 to be Laid before the Several Towns in this State . . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings therein to ſum one of us at or before the

Day and time above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal the Eight Day of this Instant may & in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburgh
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	

Worcester: fs: May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1778—

In obedience to the within warrant I have notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at time & place as with- in Required in s<sup>d</sup> warrant . . . . .

Joseph Adams Constable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meet- ings Affsembled May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1778 . . . . .

1<sup>y</sup> Voted & Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator . . . .

2<sup>nd</sup> The vote being put by the Moderator for the ap- probation of the Town or Disapprobation of the Form of Government or Constitution and the vote was as follows For the Constitution 22 against the Constitution 4

This meeting Difolved . . . . .

David Goodridge Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[157] (Seal) Worcester: fs To Joseph Adams one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . Greeting—

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and people of the Maffachufetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify by Verbal warning all the free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to Affsemble at the meeting house in Fitchburg on Friday the twenty second Day of this instant may at six OClock in the after- noon then & their being duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>y</sup> To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2<sup>y</sup> To see if the Town will bring in their votes for sum Discreet Sutable person having a freehold within said



County as the Law directs for a County Treafury to serve in said County . . .

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant to sum one of us at or before the time and hour above mentioned Given under Our hands and Seal this Twenty second Day of this Instant may & in the Year of Our Lord 1778 . . .

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	

Worcester: Is May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1778 . . .

In Obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warnd the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg according to the Intents of s<sup>d</sup> Warrant . . .

Joseph Adams Conftable for Fitchburg

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings Affemled May 22<sup>nd</sup> 1778

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2 The votes for a County Register being called for and brought in and seald up as directed

The meeting Disolved

David Goodridge Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester: Is To Afa Perry Conftable Conftable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

These are in the name of the Government and people of the State of the Maffachusetts Bay to order and Direct you forthwith to Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Affemle at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on munday the 24<sup>th</sup> of this instant August at One O Clock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following Articles (Viz)

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting



[158] 2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Chuse a Conftable for the North Part of s<sup>d</sup> Town to Supply the Place of M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Adams Deceased . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To see whether the Town will Confider the Widow Adams in regard, in regard to her Collecting the Continental Rate by Committing the List to any other Conftable or act any other way as they shall think proper

Here of fail not and make return of your doings to sum one of us on or before said Day given under our hands and Seal this 7<sup>th</sup> Day of August A: D: 1778 . . .

David Goodridge	} Selectmen For Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Abraham Gibson	

Worcester: fs: In Obedience to the within warrant I have notified the Inhabitants of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place within Directed

Afa Perry Constable

Fitchburgh August 24<sup>th</sup> 1778

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Affembled on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August 1778 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Deacon David Goodridge moderator to govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Daniel Putnam Conftable for the north side of s<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to accept of M<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Holt in the Rome of Daniel Putnam for the Year 1778 to Serve as Conftable

4<sup>ly</sup> The town voted that the Affessors shall take the Affesment that was Committed to Joseph Adams & Committ it to Jonathan Holt to Collect the Remainder of s<sup>d</sup> Collection & pay s<sup>d</sup> affesment by order of warrant to the Province Treafury

David Goodridge Moderator

A true Coppy from the minutes

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[159] (Seale) Worcester fs To Afe Perry one of the Cunftabls for the Town of Fitchburgh Gretings . . . In the name of the Goverment and People of the mafsachufets

bay you are requird to warne all the free holders and other inhabtance of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to Vote in towne metings to Afsemble and meet at the meeting House in fitchburgh on Tuesday the 13 day of octobr next at one o clock in the after noon then and their being Duely met and formd to act on the following articles Viz . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To Vote the Revrent M<sup>r</sup> John Payson his Sallery for the year Enfuing and likewise to See if the Town will make aney addition to the Sallery for the year Infuing or act aney thing Refering there unto as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money for the Schoole or Schools for the year Infuing . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a Committe to provide a Scool or Scools for the year Infuing

5<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will Come into to provide the Revrent m<sup>r</sup> John Payson his wood . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to raise money to Suporte m<sup>rs</sup> Hart the year infuing and other of the poor belingin to Town . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to have all persons that hath Don Serves for the Town to bring in their acounts and raife money for the same . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to Defray Town and all other necesary Chares that are or Shall arife . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will here the Request of m<sup>r</sup> Joseph fox in Regard to his Serving as Town Treasurer and Town Cleark and act aney thing Refering there to as they shall think proper . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Hear the request of a number of the inhabitants in regard to Rasing a Bounty for those that Shall Kill Wile Cats or Bears in f<sup>d</sup> town

11<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town abate aney rates in aney of the old Cunstables Lifts . . . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will appoint Sum Sutable person to Git the Towne a buering Cloathe and raife money for the Same . . . . .

Here of faile not and make returne of this warrant to Sume one of us at or before the Day and time above

mentned—Given under our hands and Seale at fitchburgh  
this twenty Eighth Day of Septembr and in the year Lord  
1778

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester fs In obedience to the within warrent I have  
notified the Inhabitents as within Directed

Fitchburgh octobr the 13 1778

Afe Perre Cunftabl

[160] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the  
Town of Fitchburgh Afsembled octobr 13 1778 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted the Revrent John Payson his Salory which  
is . . . . . £66 13 4

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise £233 = 6 = 8 and allow m<sup>r</sup> Payson  
in aditon his Sallary for the present Year . . . 233 6 8

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raife two hundred pounds to hire Scool  
master or masters or mistrefes . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse Cap<sup>t</sup> William Thurlo one of of the  
Committe to provide Scool mafter or masters & Thos  
Stearns oliver Stickne m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Walker m<sup>r</sup> William  
Brown . . . . . Scool Commite

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Each Quarter Receive their proportion  
of the money Raised for the Scool as ufal

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Lowest bidder Shall Git m<sup>r</sup> Pay-  
son wood which is 30 Coard at the price he Shall bid it  
off at . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Give Will<sup>m</sup> Small Thirty foure pounds  
for Giting mr Payson Thirty Cords of Good wood one  
whole year beginng the first Day of Decmbr next the  
wood to be Coarded up at mr Paysons house acording  
to Law . . . . . £34 0 0 pd 1778

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Rais fifteen pounds to Suport m<sup>rs</sup> Hart  
to be paid to m<sup>r</sup> James Poole as was voted Last march  
meeting provided She Should Live the year out £15 0 0

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow majr Ebn<sup>r</sup> Bridge his a Count £2 2 0

- 11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Joseph Sawyer his account which is . . . . . 1 10 0
- 12<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Dr Thadues maccarty his account which is . . . . . 2 0 0
- 13<sup>ly</sup> Votted to allow m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell his a Count which is . . . . . 11 10 0
- 14<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Leu<sup>t</sup> Kindall Boutall his a Count which is . . . . . 4 10 0
- 15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to m<sup>r</sup> Isaac Gibson his a Count which is . . . . . 4 0 0
- 16<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Liut abraham Gibson his a Count which is . . . . . 7 10 0
- 17<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Liut Elijah Carter his account which is . . . . . 6 0 0
- [161] 18<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Walker his account which is . . . . . £10 1 0
- 19<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Decon David Goodridge his account which is . . . . . 10 10 0
- 20<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow m<sup>r</sup> Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball his account which is . . . . . 5 8 0
- 21<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow the Selectmens account which is . . . . . £218 16 0
- 22<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise foure hundred pounds to Defray necesery Chargis . . . . . 400 0 0
- 23<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adgurnd to Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdins East Rume forth with . . . . .
- 24<sup>ly</sup> Voted to dismifs Joseph Fox for serving as Town Clerk & Town Treafurer for this present Year . . . .
- 25<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Choofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk, in the room of Joseph Fox dismifsed . . . . .
- 26<sup>ly</sup> Voted & choofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Treafurer in the room of Joseph Fox dismifsed . . . .
- 27<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town Treafurer provide a Book to keep an Account of the Orders given out, and Likewise when pay,d out . . . . .
- 28<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Sam<sup>l</sup> Harrifs,s rates in Tho<sup>s</sup> Stearn,s Lists viz for the Years 1776 & 1777 both Years being . . . . . £2 13 8 1
- 29<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town shall have a Burying Cloth or Cloths . . . . .

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Thurlo provide Two Burying Cloths for the Town . . .

This Meeting Disolved

David Goodridge Moderator

A True Coppe from the minets

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs To Jonathan Holt one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greting These are therefore in the name of the Goverment and people of the mafsachusetts bay to order and Direct you forthwith to notify all the free holders and other inhabitents of the town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by law to vote in Town meeting to asemble at the meeting house in fitchburgh on tuesday the tenth Day of Nov<sup>r</sup> next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the following articles viz . . . . .

1 to Chuse a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will take into Confideration the Revrant m<sup>r</sup> Paysons further request in regard to his Support in the Gospel ministrey or act aney thing referring there to as they shall think proper . . . . .

[162] 3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will axcept of and abid the Judgment and Determination of the arbitrators appointed by the towne of Fitchburgh on one parte and m<sup>r</sup> Ezra upton the other part which they have and do award and order to be paid to m<sup>r</sup> Ezra upton for a Ser-tain two rod road laid out by the Town of fitchburgh through s<sup>d</sup> uptons Land as damiges as will appear by s<sup>d</sup> award, or act aney thing refferng there to as they Shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will approve of the afsefsors making up the Town rate before we receive the provanc Tax bill or act aney thing there on as Shall be thought proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to have all those Cunstables that have rates to be a bated to apear that Cant be Collected on their Lifts

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will vote to have all the orders that are Given by the Select men or Scool Committes brot in at Some Set time . . . . .



Here of faile not and make return of this warrent with your dowings there on to some one of us at or before the day & time a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this twenty Second day of this Instant octobr and in the year of our Lord 1778

David Goodridge	} Select men For Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester fs Fitchburgh Novembr the 10 1778

In obediance to the within warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other inhabitants to meet at time and place within in mentned

Jonathan Holt Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburgh afsembled Nov<sup>r</sup> the 10 1778

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Chose Decon Goodridge moderator . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to ad to mr John Paysons Salory Eighty pounds that is to the Three Hundred alredy Granted total . . . . . £380-0-0 pd

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted and axepted of the award of the arbetrators and Cost of m<sup>r</sup> Ezra uptons Land taken by the Town for a road the award baring Date octobr the 13 1778 . . .

[163] 4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to make up the Town & County tax with out the provance Tax bill . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to take the Invoice from the first of novembr Instant on the personall Estates . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that all the orders that have bin Given by the Select men and town Committes Shall be brot in by the first of march next

This meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator  
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs. To Afa Perry one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg . . . Greeting . . .





- 4<sup>th</sup> by Order to make up the Town & County tax with out the provance  
Tase bill
- 5<sup>th</sup> by Order to take the Invoice from the first of november fifteen  
on the personell Estates
- 6<sup>th</sup> by Order that all the orders that have bin given by the select  
men and town Committee shall be brot ~~out~~ in by the first  
of march next
- This meeting Disposed David Goodridge moderator  
Jes Cowdin Town Clerk

(Ind) Worcester Co. To Asa Perry one of the Constables of the  
Town of Fitchburg Greeting

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and People  
of the State of the Massachusetts by the order & directy on  
pathwith to notify all the Freeholders & other Inhabitant of  
the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings  
to assemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Monday the  
first Day of March next at 8. the of the Clock in the forenoon  
then and there being duly met & found to act on the following  
Articles viz

- 1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern said Meeting
- 2<sup>d</sup> To choose Selectmen & other Town Officers as the Law directs for  
the ensuing year
- 3<sup>d</sup> To see what Method to provide for any poor or indigent Person  
in said Town or at any thing referring thereto as they shall think  
proper
- 4<sup>th</sup> To Receipt of any Roads that is laid out by the Selectmen or  
their order that shall be thought necessary; or by the Towns  
Committee
- 5<sup>th</sup> To see what Sums or Sums of Money shall be thought proper to  
raise to mend the Highway & keep them in good Repair the present  
year or at any thing referring thereto as shall be thought proper
- 6<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will discontinue any Road or Roads which shall  
be laid before them for their Consideration
- 7<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will come into any other Method to collect the  
Highway Taxes, separate from charging the Surveyors, Collectors
- 8<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will vote the Surveys to run at large this  
present year under the Regulation of the Law, or vote any thing  
referring thereto as they shall think proper

Hereof said not and make due return of this Warrant to some one  
of us at or before the above mentioned Day & time - Given under  
our Hands & Seals the eighth Day of February David Goodridge Selectmen  
for  
M<sup>ch</sup>as<sup>l</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Hall  
Stephen Gibson  
Ez<sup>l</sup> B. Bart<sup>l</sup> } Fitchburg  
M<sup>ch</sup>as<sup>l</sup> Nath<sup>l</sup> Hall

AD 1779

These are therefore in the Name of the Government and People of the State of the Massachusetts-Bay to order & direct you forthwith to notify all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble at the Meeting-house in Fitchburg on Monday the first Day of March next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there being duely met & form,d to act on the following Articles viz—

1<sup>st</sup> To choose a Moderator to Govern said Meeting—

2<sup>ly</sup> To choose Selectmen & other Town Officers as the Law directs for the enfueing Year

3<sup>dly</sup> To see what Method to provide for any poor or indigent Persons in said Town or act any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

4<sup>thly</sup> To Accept of any Roads that is laid out by the Selectmen or their order that shall be thought necessary; or by the Town,s Committee—

5<sup>th</sup> To See what Sum or Sums of Money shall be thought proper to raise to mend the Highways & keep them in good Repair the present year or act any thing referring thereto as shall be thought proper—

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will discontinue any Road or Roads which shall be laid before them for their Consideration—

7<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will come into any other Method to collect the Highway Taxes, separte from choofing the Surveyors, Collectors—

8<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will vote the Swine to run at large this present year under the Regulation of the Law, or vote any other thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant to some one of us at or before the above mentioned Day & time—Given under our Hands & Seals this Eighth Day of February A D 1779

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	
Tho <sup>s</sup> . Hartwell	

[164] Worcester fs. In Obedience to the within War-  
rant, I have Notified the Inhabitants as within directed  
Afa Perry Constable

Fitchburg March 1<sup>st</sup> 1779

Aat a Legal meeting of the free holders and other In-  
habitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled march  
the 1 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Decon David Goodridge mod-  
erator . . . . . Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge Phine-  
has Hartwell & Elijah Carter . . . . . Select men

3<sup>ly</sup> Votted to Chuse Sefsors to make all Rates and  
Grant Warrents to Collect the same . . . . . Sefsors

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Dr Thadase maccarty Daniel  
Putnam & oliver Stickne . . . . . Sefsors

5<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clerk &  
Town Treasurer . . . . . Town Clerk

6<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood Thos  
Stearns & Joseph Phelps . . . . . Committe of Inspection

7<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Jelse French Cunstable for the  
South Side of the Town of fitchburgh & Elijah Gafield  
for the north parte of the Town . . . . . Cunstable

8<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Levi Kimball and James Pater-  
fon . . . . . Wardens

9<sup>ly</sup> Votted & Chose William Small & Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben  
Gibson . . . . . Tyethen men

10<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Samuel Parce & Paul Wetherby  
& Jacob Upton & Joseph Wheler & William Grimes Ebne-  
zer Bridge & Thos Cowdin Ju<sup>r</sup> & hezekiah Hodg-  
kins . . . . . Survares of high Ways

11<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Jonathan Holt & Daniel Put-  
nam . . . . . Deere Reves

12<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Joseph Phelps & Samuel  
Small . . . . . fier Wards

13<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Nichlos Danforth Ebenezer  
Polley & Joseph Polley & John Goodridge & Abraham  
Gibson Ju<sup>r</sup> & Samuel Harris . . . . . hog Reves

14<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Capt Jonathan Wood . . Sur  
vare of hoops and Staves

15<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Soloman Steward . . Survare  
of Clabords & Shingels

[165] 16<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose John Putnam and Afa  
Perrey . . . . . fier wards

17<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Kindall Bancroft . . Seler of  
Lether

18<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose David Parce Sellether of Waits  
and mesfers . . . . . Seler of Waits & mesfers

19<sup>ly</sup> Votted to allow and pay Capt Ruben Gibson  
Seventy pounds to Suport m<sup>rs</sup> Hart one whole year and  
So in proportion if She Should not Live the year out 70-0-0

20<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Raifed one hundred & fifty pounds to  
mend the high ways the year Insuing . . . . . 150 - -

21<sup>ly</sup> Votted to allow one Shiling and foure pence pr  
ouer and for Cart and oxen and other Tools as Last year

22<sup>ly</sup> Votted to Discontinue the Roade from m<sup>r</sup> Abel  
Baldwines house which s<sup>d</sup> Baldwine bought of m<sup>r</sup> John  
Bufs til it Coms to the East Line of s<sup>d</sup> Baldwines Land  
he the Said Abel Baldwin paying The Town Treasurer of  
the Town of Fitchburgh Twenty pounds as a Reward for  
s<sup>d</sup> Land . . . . . 20 - -

23<sup>ly</sup> Votted to Discontinue the Road from m<sup>r</sup> Walkers  
Gate So Called up towards Henery Lelands house til it  
coms to the Road Leding from s<sup>d</sup> Lelands house towards  
Samuel Parces house and that it be onley a Bridel Roade

24<sup>ly</sup> Votted the high way Survares be not Colecters  
but the Lifts be Committed to the Cunstables to Colect  
provided the perfon or persons Dont work out their high  
way Taxes acording to the high way Survares order . .

25<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the high way Survares work out  
their high way Rates by the first of Novembr next

26<sup>ly</sup> Votted that the Swine Run at Large being Yoked  
and Ringed as the Law Directs

[166] 27<sup>ly</sup> Votted and axcepted of James Paterfon  
to Serve Cunstable in Jefse French Roon for the South  
Side of the Town & also to Serve Cunstable in the Rume  
of Elijah Gafield for the north Side of s<sup>d</sup> Town

Further more The oficers Chosen into Town ofices  
apeard and Tuck the oths Requird by Law . . .



The meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderation  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcefter fs To James Paterfon Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

These are Therfor in the name of the Goverment and people of the State of the mafsachufets bay to order and direct you forthwith to notify the free holders & other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble at the meeting house in fitchburgh on fryday the ninth day of april next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being duely meet and formd to act on the following artcles viz . . . .

1 to Chufe a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to take into Confideration a Request of a number of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh in regarde to a fine being Laid on the Town by the Generall Coarte for reafons not none not known with which the requestors think it highly reasonable to know as a Town or act any thing their on as they Shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to See whather method the Town will Secure the Scool land formerly belonging to Lunenburg that was Sett off to Fitchburgh with their other properties from any incroachments from any person or perfons what ever either out of Town or in Town or act any thing refering their to as Shall be thought proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will make any addition of any Sum or Sumes as a Town to add to the General Court tax bill thats Sent out to s<sup>d</sup> Towns a Greable to the Courts order or act any thing refering there to as they Shall think proper

[167] Here of faile not and make returne of this warrant with your Dowings their in to Some one of us at or before the day and time a bove mentined . . . .

Given under our hands and Seale at Fitchburgh this Twenty Sixth day of this instent march & in the year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge	{	Select meen
Phinehas Hartwell		For
Elijah Carter		Fitchburgh



Fitchburgh april the 9 1779 Worcesefester fs in obediance ot this warrant I have notifyd the free holders and other Inhabitents of this Town to meet at the meeting house at one O Clock this Infstent day

James Paterfon Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled april the 9 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Decon Goodridge moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to ajourn the Second artcle in the warrant til may meeting

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted Chuse a Committe to Go & Search the records in Lunenburgh town book to See if their was aney agrement between the Town of Lunenburgh & the Town of Fitchburgh Respecting mineftereal & Scool lands

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Capt Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin & Capt Ruben Gibson & Capt Jonathan Wood be a Committe to Search the Town book of Lunenburg Respecting publick lands & also the proprietors book respecting the publick Lands laid out for a Scool & minefteral lands or to be laid out . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to ajurn the third artcle in the warrant til may meeting and then Report to the Town what the Committe may find one the Town book belongin to Lunenburgh

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted pafs over the forth arcte . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to ajurn this meeting til may meeting  
aCordingly ajurnd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[168] (Seale) Worcefter fs To James Paterfon Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

These are in the name of the Goverment and people of the mafachufets bay to will and Require you forthwith to notify all the free holders and other inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to assemble at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Thursday the twentyeth day of this infstent may at two

of the Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet & formd to act on the folowing artcles viz . . . .

1 to Chuse a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> See whether the inhabitents of this Town Chuse at this time to have a new Constetition or form of Government made . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> whether they impower their representives for the next to vote for the Calling a State Convention for the Sole purpos of forming a new Constitution provided it Should appear to them on Examination that the first Queston a bove mentioned be answerd in the affirmative

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the inhabitenes will make further provision for Keeping the high ways in better repaire in making an aditional Grant to what has ben all redy Grantd for that purpose or act aney thing Refering there to as they Shall think proper for the present year

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day and time a bove mentned . . . .

Given under our hands & Seale at Fitchburgh this fifth Day of may in the year of our Lord 1779 . . . .

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Fitchburgh May the 19 1779

agreable to the Directions of the within written warrant I have Notifyd the free holders & other Inhabitents of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place appointed

James Paterfon Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled may the 20 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[169] 1<sup>ly</sup> Votted and Chose Decon Goodridge moderator . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to have a new forme of Goverment at this Time The number present unanemos that is forty five .

3<sup>ly</sup> and it was the oppinon of this town that if the first Queston on Examination be answerd in the State, in

the affirmative to Comply with the Representatives to  
Chuse a States Convention for that purpose

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to act on the article of the high ways . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Raised foure hundred & fifty pounds in  
addition to what was al Redy raised at Last march . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that those Work out their part of the money  
be allowed five Shilings Shilings & foure pence for Evrey  
ower on the Spote, oxen & Cart in proportion and other  
metireals in proportion . . . . .

also that the Lift or Lifts shall be Committed to the  
high wane Survaers Chose at march Last—and they are  
herby orderd to See that the money be workt out or the  
Lift Committed to the Cunstable to Collect—provided the  
perfon or persons Refuse or neglect to work

The meeting—upon the ajurnment

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

may the 20 1779 upon the ajurnment the Town meet  
and Voted & Gave the Committe Chose the 9 of april 1779  
full power to Setle with the Town of Lunenburgh or their  
Committe or to Commence and bring on an action against  
The Town of Lunenburgh provided the f<sup>d</sup> Town or  
Commte Refuse to allow the Town of Fitchburgh or their  
Committe their parts of the publick Lands, the Committe  
Chose by the Town of Fitchburgh on april the 9 1779  
was Cap<sup>t</sup> Thos Cowdin Capt Ruben Gibson & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jona-  
than Wood. Then the meeting Difolved

Decon Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) [170] June 29 1779

Worefter Is To James Paterfon Constable for the Town  
of Fitchburgh . . . . . Greeting . . . .

These are Therefor in the name of the Goverment and  
people of the State of the massachusetts bay to order &  
directe you fourth with to notify the free holders and other  
inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law  
to vote in Town meeting by verbal notice to assemble at  
the meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tuseday the twenty

ninth day of this instant June at one of the Clock in the after noone then & their being duely meet and formd to act on the following articles—(viz) . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will Come into in Regard to Raifing foure Contenantal men to Joyn the Contenantel armey and two men to go to Rhodeisland a Cording to the General Courts orders or act any thing there on as they shall think proper as a Towne

3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Towne will Call the old melitia officers to an aCounte for the fines they have taken of the Inhabitents by drafting and how they have Disposed of them that a Good Regulation may be formd for the futter or act any thing refering there to as they Shall Think proper

Here of mak Return of this warrente with your Doings there in to Some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentned Given under oure hands and Seale at Fitchburgh this Twenty Eight day of this instant June and in the yeare of our Lord 1779 . . . .

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester Is

agreeable to the within warant I have notified & Warned the freeholders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd to Vote in towne meetings to meet at the time and place within mentiond

Fitchburgh June 29 1779

James Paterfon Cunstable

[171] Aat a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled June the 29 1779

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Decon Goodridge moderator . .

2<sup>ly</sup> after the orders from the Generall Court being reed then proceded and Voted to Raise the foure men for the Contenantel Serves for nine months by a Rate or Tax by the Towne—and also the two men for Roadisland by a Tax Laid on s<sup>d</sup> Town, Estimating what Each man hath dun by the month here to fore at an Equel price

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse a Committe to Raife the Contenantel men and also the two men for Roadifland . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted an Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin & Colo Ebenezer Bridge & Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood & Dr maccarte be a Committe to hier the 4 Contenantel men for nine months at as Chepe a rate as pofable Cane be Dun & also two men as molifha men to Do Dutey at Roadifiland acording to General Courts order

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to call the old molifha officers to an a Count to now what they have Dun or how they have Difpofed of the fines they have taken taken of the Inhabitents . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted the the a Counts the old molifha officers hath Rendred be full Satisfaction to the Town

This meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[172] (Seal) Worcester fs. To James Patterson Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

These are therefore in the Name of the Government & People of the State of Mafsachusetts Bay, to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings, to asemble at the Meeting-House in Fitchburg on Monday the second Day of August next at One of the Clock in the Afternoon, then and there being duely met & form,d to Act on the following Articles; You are further directed to notify every Freeman, inhabitant of s<sup>d</sup> Town, who is twenty one Years of Age to vote on the second Article in s<sup>d</sup> Warrant—

1<sup>ft</sup> To choose a Moderator to govern s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>d</sup> To see if the Town will elect one or more Delegates to represent them in a Convention, for the sole purpose of framing a new Constitution, and form of Government, for the State of Mafsachusetts Bay to meet at Cambridge in the County of Middlesex, on the first Day of September next, and give s<sup>d</sup> Delegate such Instructions as they shall think proper

3<sup>dly</sup> To see if the Town will comply, with the Meafures that the late Convention, conven,d at Concord, on



the fourteenth Day of July, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

4<sup>thly</sup> To see if the Town will send a Delegate to join a County Convention to be held at Worcester, on the first Tuesday of August next, for the purpose of regulating Prices, on the Artiles of Life and manufactures—

5<sup>ly</sup> To see what Method the Town will come into with regard to the War what has been done already, and what Measures they will take for further supporting the War, as a Town, or act any thing referring thereto as they shall think proper—

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will raise any Sum of Sums of Money to hire the Six Soldiers into the service to Rhode Island and Continental, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper— Hereof fail not and make a return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to some one of us, at or before the Day and time above mention,d, Given under our hand and Seal at Fitchburg this Nineteenth Day of July and in the Year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

[173] Worcester fs

Agreable to the within Warrant I have notified & warn,d all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants, therein specified, of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & place within mention,d

James Patterson, Constable

Fitchburg Aug<sup>t</sup> 2. 1779

Fitchburg Aug<sup>t</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1779—

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Assembled August 2<sup>d</sup> 1779—

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1 Voted & chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator—

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to send a Delegate to join the Convention in Cambridge—



3<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin to meet the Convention at Cambridge the first Day of September next—

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to comply with the Resolves of the late Convention held at Concord the 14<sup>th</sup> Day of July last, unanimously—

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to send a Delegate to meet the Convention at Worcester the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of this Ins<sup>t</sup> August—

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose D<sup>r</sup> Thad<sup>s</sup> Maccarty to attend the Convention at Worcester the 3<sup>d</sup> Day of this Ins<sup>t</sup> August—

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Vote respecting the Men & estimating the Months be brought to an Average as was voted last Town Meeting—

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to choose a Committee to estimate the Months & bring them to an Average—

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell, Deacon Thurston, Col. Bridge Tho<sup>s</sup> Stearns & Cap<sup>t</sup> Thurlo be a Committee to estimate the Months & bring them to an Average—

10 Voted to adjourn, till the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of Aug<sup>t</sup> next—the Meeting accordingly adjourn,d, till 20<sup>th</sup> Day of Aug<sup>t</sup> next at One O clock

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

August 20, 1779. The Town met according to Adjournment

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee, respecting estimating the Service done in the War since the present War commenc,d—

[174] 12 Voted to choose a Committee to examine the Credit of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg, respecting the present War, and to see what Men are behind in respect to their Proportion, and where they appear not to have done their proportion, to make it up in Money without delay—

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Afsefsors be a Committee to Examine the Credits and that, Two Men be join,d with them therein—

Voted & choose Tho<sup>s</sup> Stearns & Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Jun<sup>r</sup> —

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Every Person bring a Certificate from his Officers or the Selectmen, as to what Service he hath done or not be allow,d for his Service, and that they

bring in the Certificates by the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of September next—

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to accept of the Proceedings of the Convention at Worcester—

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted to make an Addition to the Committee & that four Men be added viz Deacon Thurston, Mr Walker, Mr Boutell & Mr Jacob Upton—

Voted the Meeting to be adjourn,d, till the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> next at One O clock in the Afternoon—

The Meeting Adjourned accordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

According to Adjournment met and the Meeting opened on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of September 1779—

17<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Committee proceed immediately to state the more minute Articles not stated at Worcester, and see that they be put in Execution—

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted to accept of the Report of the Committee chose to estimate the War as will appear by the List sign,d by s<sup>d</sup> Committee

19 Voted that the Town Treafurer receive the Money that was estimated by the Committee and give his Receipt for the same

20 Voted that the Meeting be adjourn,d to the first Monday in Nov<sup>r</sup> next at One O clock in the Afternoon, to see if those Persons who are found by the Committee to be delinquent will pay the Sums annexed to each Persons name

Thos Cowdin T<sup>r</sup> Clerk

meeting adjourned accordingly

[175] Nov<sup>r</sup> 1 1779—

The Town being met and the Meeting opened according to Adjournment.

21<sup>l</sup> Voted and accepted of the Estimation as it stands on the Estimation paper, rectifying all Mistakes that appear to have been made, from the Certificates that may be bro<sup>t</sup> to the Committee

22 Voted that it be recommitted to the same Committee for Amendment

23! Voted that all the Men that have paid Money either by Draught or to Co<sup>l</sup>. Bridge, be allow,d to every Person as his part at Fifteen Pounds per Month and that their Credit be enter,d upon the Estimation Paper—

24 Voted that the Town choose a Committee to hire all the Men that may be called for, for the future untill further Orders—

25 Voted to choose Five as a Committee to hire the Men to do Duty in the present War for the future & Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Afa Perry, John Putnam & Kendall Boutell, & Jacob Upton were choose for this purpose—

26 Voted to raise Seventeen Hundred & forty Pounds to pay the Money that the Selectmen hir,d to pay the four Continental and also the Two Rhode Island Men, as Soldiers in that Service— . . . . . £1740<sup>pd</sup>

Voted that the Town Meeting be adjourn,d to Monday the 22<sup>d</sup> of this Instant Novemb<sup>r</sup> at One O clock After noon  
The Meeting is adjourned accordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Nov<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1779

The Town meet according to adjournment and the meeting opened—

27 Voted to chuse a Committee to see what money Col<sup>o</sup> Bridge has rec<sup>d</sup> off the delinquent perfons upon the Eftimation paper . . . . .

28 Voted and Chose Doc<sup>t</sup> M<sup>c</sup> Carty to be the Committee . . . . .

29 Voted and Chose Doc<sup>t</sup> M<sup>c</sup> Carty to receive the money of the Delinquents upon the Eftimation paper in the rome of the Town Treasurer and give Credit to those perfons that shall pay and make report to the next town meeting . . . . .

30 Voted that this meeting be difolved . . . . .

The meeting Difolved according

David Goodridge Moderator

A true copy of the Votes attest Joseph Fox

by order of the Town Clerk

[176] (Seal) Worcester fs. To James Patterson Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—these are

therefore in the Name of the Government & People of the state of the Mafsachusetts Bay to order & direct you forthwith to Notify the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings, to afsemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburg on Monday the Twentyfeventh Day of this Inſt<sup>d</sup> September at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, then & there being duely met & form,d to Act on the following Articles viz—

1 To Choofe a Moderator to govern s<sup>d</sup> Meeting—

2 fee what method the Town will come into to ſupport the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Payson the Year enſuing, or act any thing referring thereto as they ſhall think proper—

3<sup>d</sup>y Raise Money to ſupport the poor & indigent Perſons in Town if need—

4<sup>y</sup> Raise Money to ſupply the Treafury & pay Town charges—

5<sup>y</sup> To have all perſons that have done ſervice for the Town, bring in their Accounts, for Acceptance, raiſe Money to pay the ſame—

6<sup>y</sup> To ſee in what Method the Town will provide the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Paysons Wood for the Year inſuing—

7<sup>y</sup> To ſee what Method the Town will provide Schooling & raiſe Money for the ſupport of the ſame, or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper—

8<sup>y</sup> To ſee if the Town will ſend a Man to join the Convention at Concord the Sixth Day of October next, or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper—Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your Doings thereon, to ſome one of us at or before the Day & time abovementioned,—Given under our hands & Seal this Seventh Day of this Inſtant September and in the Year of our Lord 1779

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Worceſter ſs In Obedience to the within written Warrant I have Notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants to meet at the Time and Place above mentioned

James Patterson Conſtable

Fitchburg Sep<sup>r</sup> 27. 1779—

[177] At a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the  
Town of Fitchburgh assembled Septembr the 27 1779

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator  
2<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Kindall Boutall & phinehas Hart-  
well & Joseph Walker be a Committee to Waite upon m<sup>r</sup>  
Payson in order to now his mind Respecting his Salarey  
the year Insuing . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> vted to Raise Seventy pounds to pay  
Capt Ruben Gibson for m<sup>rs</sup> Harts Suporte  
in proportion for a whole yeare . . . . £70 00 0

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife Two hundred pounds that  
was not asfied Last year which was Raifed  
for to Suporte the Scoll the year past . . 200 00 0

5<sup>ly</sup> voted to Rafe Sixty pownds as a bounty  
for Two Rohadiland men . . . . . 60 00 0

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raise five pounds Six Shilings  
Eight pene to pay the County tax for the  
year 1777 and that the Town Treafurer  
pay the above Sum to the County Treaf-  
urer and tak his Receipt . . . . . 5 6 8

7<sup>ly</sup> vted and raised Seventy Eight pounds  
Eight Shilings which was taken out of  
the Treasure to pay the Solders ingaed  
for the Contenantal Serves & Rhodiland 78 8 0

8<sup>ly</sup> voted and Raifed foure hunded pounds  
to defray Town Charges . . . . . 400 00 0

9<sup>ly</sup> to voted Thos Cowdin Ju<sup>r</sup> his acount  
which is . . . . . 3 18 0

voted to alow Thos Cowdin his acount which  
is . . . . . 7 4 0

voted and alowd Dr Thadues maccartey his  
account which is . . . . . 31 12 0

voted and alowd Afe Perrey his acount which  
is . . . . . 3 12 0 pd

voted and alowd Phinehas Hartwell his  
account which is . . . . . 7 16 0

voted and alowd Elijah Carter his acount  
which is . . . . . 6 6 0



voted and alowd Decon David Goodridge his aCount which is . . . . .	17 00 0
voted and alowd Tho <sup>s</sup> Stearns his account which is . . . . .	6 14 0
voted and alowd Ep <sup>hm</sup> Kimball Ju <sup>r</sup> his account which is . . . . .	6 14 0
voted and alowd Daniel Putnam his account which is . . . . .	6 14 0
voted and alowd Liut abraham Gibson his account which is . . . . .	6 00 0
voted and alowd Cap <sup>t</sup> Ruben Gibson his account which is . . . . .	1 4 0
voted and alowd Cap <sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood his account which is . . . . .	1 4 0
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10<sup>ly</sup> Voted the the Committe Report from mr Payson  
 [178] 11<sup>ly</sup> voted and Raised for mr Payson for the  
 year Infuing and to mak up the Deprecation of the money  
 the Last Yeare his Salery Good for both Last year and  
 this preasent year fourteen hundred & Seventy nine pounds  
 16/ . . . . . 1479 16 0

12<sup>ly</sup> voted and Raised five hundred pounds to Supporte  
 a Scool the year infuing . . . . . 500 00 0

13<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Titos Wilder Joseph Phelps ase  
 Perrey Jacob upton & Joseph Fox be a Committe to provide  
 a mafter to Keep the School . . .

14<sup>ly</sup> voted that Each Quarter have the Benefit of  
 their own money which is Granted to Supporte the Schoole

15<sup>ly</sup> voted and a Greed to provide m<sup>r</sup> Paysons wood  
 by a volentary act the year Infuing . . .

16<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Nicholas Danforth m<sup>r</sup> Jacob  
 upton Cap<sup>t</sup> Burbank & Daniel Farwell be a Committe to  
 See that mr Pafons wood be Got in Good Season & Good  
 wood

17<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge to  
 attend the Convention at Concord the Sixth Day of octo-  
 ber next

The meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator



A True Coppe of the Votes

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester Is To James Patterfon Constable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . These are therefore in the Name and Government and people of the State of the Massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forthwith to Notify the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Assemble at the meeting house in Fitchburgh on the Twenty Second Day of this Instant November at One OClock in the after noon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will approve or disapprove of the proceedings of the Convention at Concord the sixth Day of October Last and Chuse a Committee to put the Resolves into Execution or act any thing thereon as they shall think propper . . . . .

[179] 3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will make any alterations in the prices of the farming labour, or Mechanics, and Inholders not enumarated by the Convention at Concord or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will raise any sum or sums of money to supply the Treasurer that the Selectmen hath taken out to pay the Soldiers according to the Court<sup>s</sup> orders . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will chuse a Committee to keep the Great bridge by the Mills in repair or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To here the accounts of any that has done Service for the Town for the Town and raise money for the Same

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doing thereon to sum one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this second Day of November and in the Year of Our Lord 1779 . . . . .

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Fitchburgh Nov<sup>r</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1779

In obedience to your orders I have Notified the freeholders and other inhabitants of this Town to meet at the time and place within written

James Patterfon Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Affembled November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1779 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to approve to of the Proceedings of the Convention at Concord the sixth Day of Oct<sup>r</sup> Last . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chufe a Committee to put the proceeding of the Convention into Execution . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chufe seven men as a Committee for the above purpose . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Walker M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo M<sup>r</sup> James Poole Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibfon & M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell to be a Committee for the above purpose

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the above Committee do not proceed at preafent to put the proceedings of the Convention at Concord into Execution untill they shall receive orders from the Selectmen & Standing Committee for that purpose . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raife two hundred & Seventy pounds to Supply the Treafurer with that the Selectmen took out to pay the Soldiers that went to Claverack agreeable to the Court<sup>s</sup> order . . . £270 0 0

[180] 8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chufe a committee to repair the Bridge by the Mills

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the committee confist of three . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Walker M<sup>r</sup> Eph<sup>r</sup> Kimball Jun<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> Hezekiah Hodgskins to be the Committee . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted that it be left difcresunary with the Committee to cover the Bridge with what timber they shall think proper . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Deacon Goodridge his ac<sup>t</sup> for attending the Convention at Concord the sixth of Oct<sup>r</sup> which Twenty two pounds . . . £22 --

13<sup>y</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo his Act for two Burying Cloths which is Sixty pounds . . £60 – –

14<sup>y</sup> Voted to raise Thirteen pounds which the Selectmen has hired to pay Two mens Mileage Money to Rhodifland which is to be taken out of the Next State tax

£13 0 0

15<sup>y</sup> Voted that this meeting be Difolved

David Goodridge Moderator

A true coppay from the Minutes Attest Joseph Fox

by order of the Town Clerk

march the 6 1780

(Seale) Worcester fs to James Paterfon Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . .

These are therfore in the name of the Goverment and people of the State of the mafsachusetts bay to order and Direct you forth with to notify the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble at the meeting in Fitchburgh on monday the Sixth Day of march next at nine of the Clock in the morning then and their being duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles (viz)

1<sup>y</sup> to Chuese a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>y</sup>—to Chuse Select men & other Town officers for the year infuing as the law & athority directs . . .

3<sup>y</sup>—to axcept aney high ways or privet Roads that has bin laid out by the Select men or their order or aney alterations on old Roads . . . . .

4<sup>y</sup>—to See if the Town will Confider m<sup>r</sup> James Paterfon for his Servis as Cunstable for s<sup>d</sup> Town the last year and make him Sum Reward

5<sup>y</sup>—to See what Sum or Sumes of money the town will Raise to keep the high ways in repair. and See what method Shall be workt out for the present year

[181] 6<sup>y</sup>—to See who will take mrs Hart & Suporte Her one year and for what sum . . . . .

7<sup>y</sup>—to See if the Town will abate aney Perfons Rates on aney lifts Committed to aney of the Cunstables or aney part . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup>—to See if the town will vote the Swine to Go at large the present year under the Regulations of the law

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrent with your dowing their in to Som one of us at or before the time & day a bove mentned Given under our Hands and Seal at Fitchburgh this Sixteenth day of Februry and in the year of our Lord 1780 . . . . .

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Phinehas Hartwell	
Elijah Carter	

Fitchburgh Februry the 21 1780 . . . . .

In obedience to the within Rit I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town to meet at the time and place within mentined

James Paterfon Cunstable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh a ssembled march the 6 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2—<sup>ly</sup> voted that their be five Select men Chose and that they be the Affsefors for the year Insuing . . .

3—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Thos Cowdin first Select man

4—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Elijah Carter Second Select man

5—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Dr Thadiues Maccartey third Select man

6—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood forth Select man . . . . .

7—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> William Thurlo fifth Select man . . . . .

8—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clerk . .

9—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Joseph Fox Town Treasurer . .

10—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon Goodridge Ifaac Gibson Joseph Walker be the Committey of Safty . . .

11—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Phinehas Hartwell Cunstable for the north Side of the Town . . .

12 <sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr Phinehas Sawyer Cunstable for the South Side of s<sup>d</sup> Town . . .

voted and Reconsiderd the vote and mr Phinehas Sawyer be Excused from Serving Cunstable . . .

[182] 13—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose John farwell and Colo Ebenezer Bridge Tythenmen

14—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Hezekiah Hodgkins and Ase Pere and Liut Ifaac Holden and Decon John Thurston and Phinehas Brown and Joseph Holt and Joseph Gray and Joseph Sawyer and Liu<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Survaers of high Ways . . .

15—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose William Small & Amos ordewa . . . . . Der Revs

16—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Samuel Downe & David Parce . . . . . fiere Wards

17 <sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Ebenezer Polley & Thos Hilton Abraham Gibson & Jonathan ware . . . hog Reves

18—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose James Walker Survare of . . Shingels & Clabords

19—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood Survare of . . . . . hups & Staves

20—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose James Poole & Jofhua Parce fire wards . . . . . fire wards

21—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Amos ordewa . . Seler of lether

22—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose David Parce Seler of waits & . . . Sealar of Waits & mefuers

23—<sup>ly</sup> voted and Raisd Three Thoufand Six hundred pounds to repaire the high Ways & Bridges the year Insu-ing—and to be workt out at Eighteen 18/ Shilings pr ower on the Spote, a Cart at 36/ pr Day & a plow at 36/ pr day & a yoake of Good oxen <sup>s</sup>3: <sup>f</sup>12: <sup>D</sup>0 pr Day

24—<sup>ly</sup> voted that Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Burbank have two hundred & two pounds for Suporting m<sup>rs</sup> hart one whole year and So in proportion if She Should not Live the whole of the year . . . . . £202-0-0

25—<sup>ly</sup> voted and abated John Priests pole tax in m<sup>r</sup> James Paterfons list

26—<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Swine Go at large being Regulated a Cording to law

27—<sup>ly</sup> voted and abated mr Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimballs pole tax in mr James Paterfons list



[183] 28—<sup>ly</sup> voted and axcepted of a two Rod Roade . . . .

Laid out by the Select men and their order a Two Rod road Begining at the South line of Thos Cowdin Jur<sup>s</sup> land Runing East of the Dweling house of s<sup>d</sup> Cowdins through his land to the Common land & through the Common land to Liut Phillips land & through S<sup>d</sup> Phillips land to the north of f<sup>d</sup> Phillips Barn mared trees on the East Side of s<sup>d</sup> Road, for a beter Commodation of the inhabitants on the Road Runing from Holdings mills to the County Road to the meeting house—we have made the altrations from the former Road as folows begining at the westerdly Side of mr Whelers house Runing on s<sup>d</sup> Whelers land to Aaron Eatons land & on s<sup>d</sup> Eatons land to Thos Eatons land so through s<sup>d</sup> Eatons land to Amos Darbys land to the former Road which leds to the County Road & markt trees on the South Side of s<sup>d</sup> Rode to s<sup>d</sup> Amos Durbys house—and the Land Given by the owners

Dated Fitchburgh Febuery the 28 1780

Phinehas Hartwell	}	Committe
Elijah Carter		
Seth Phileps		
Thos Cowdin Jur <sup>r</sup>		

Fitchburgh Septembr 1779 . . . .

\* We the Subscribers being inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh being Partyes Concerned in Giving Land for a publick Road from Afhby begining at the northerdly Side of m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Gibsons land through to Capt Josiah Stearnes land through s<sup>d</sup> Stearnes land to mr Lemuel Haskells & Jonathan Brooks land then on s<sup>d</sup> line between s<sup>d</sup> Haskell & Brooks about against haskels house then all on s<sup>d</sup> Brooks land by or near Brookes house to mr Joseph veney's land through s<sup>d</sup> veney's land nar his house then on s<sup>d</sup> veney's & Browns line to Browns Corner then all on s<sup>d</sup> venes to mr Jacob upton land then through s<sup>d</sup> uptons land

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\*Terminus of the road at Francis Dean's, formerly Jacob Uptons.  
[Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]



by or near his buldings to the County Road and the Land  
Given by us the Subscribors

Phinehas Brown	} Commtte
Lemuel Hafkel	
Jacob Upton	
Samuel Gibson	
Jonathan Brook	
Joseph Venen	

29—<sup>ly</sup> voted that all the old high way Survaer work  
work out their old high way Rates on all their old lists  
for the last year

30—<sup>ly</sup> voted that this meeting be adjurnd to the third  
monday of this Instant march at one O Clock in the after  
noon the meeting is adjurnd a Cordingly to the 20 Day of  
this Infntent march at one O Clock in the after noon

[184] march the 20 1780 Then the Town meet  
acording to adjurmement and the meeting opned . . .

31<sup>ly</sup> voted and Excused mr Phinehas Sawyer from  
serving Constable . . . . .

32<sup>d</sup> Voted and chofe Mr Daniel Farwell Constable for  
the South Side—

33<sup>d</sup> Voted and allow,d Reuben Gibson Jun.

his Acct for providing Necesaries for Mr<sup>s</sup>

Hart & Nursing when sick . . . . . £45 18 0 0

34 Voted and abated John Priest,s Poll Tax

in James Pattersons List . . . . . £10 0 0 0

voted and abated John Prifts pole tax Afe

Perreys List . . . . . 1 0 0

35 Voted and abated W<sup>m</sup> Stewards Rates in

Afa Perrys Lists . . . . . 0 14 0 0

36 Voted and abated Asahel Hartwells Rates

in Afa Perrys List . . . . . 0 14

37 Voted and abated David Winchs Rates

in Afa Perrys List . . . . . 0 15 6 —

38 Voted and abated Tim<sup>o</sup> Kendall Rates

in Stewards List . . . . . 0 4 2 —

39 Voted and abated Jon<sup>a</sup> Taylors Rates in

Afa Perreys List . . . . . 0 5 2 —

voted and abated in mr Perrys Lists the Sev-

rall Prfons . . . . . 3 12 10

Sum total

4 17 9

the Sum abated for Soloman Steward . . . .

voted and abated Ely Rufsells minesters Rate . . 2 5 0

The officers Chose into Town ofices a peard and tuck  
the oaths Requird by law Respecting their Sevrall ofices  
This meeting Disolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[185] (Seal) Worcester fs To m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Farwell one  
of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting—  
These are in the name of the Goverment and people of the  
massachusetts Bay to order and direct you forth with to  
Notify the freeholders and other Inhabitents of the Town  
of Fitchburgh qualifd by Law to vote in Town meetings  
to assemble at the Meeting house in Fitchburgh on Tuef-  
day the Twenty third Day of this Inst<sup>t</sup> may at one of the  
Clock in the after noon then and their being duely met to  
act on the following articles . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To choose a moderator . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To heere the Constitution or Form of Government  
latly formd by the Convention appointed for that pur-  
pose read and approve or dis approve of the Same or  
make aney alterations thereon as they Shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> To See what method the Town will come into to  
Suport the Rev<sup>d</sup> mr Payson for the futer and also to  
make him a Grant for the Depreisation of the money the  
past year or act any thing refering there to as they shall  
think proper . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will dismiss Capt Jonathan  
Wood at his own desire from Serving as a Committe man  
for supplying the Soldiers familys now in the Continental  
armey and Choose a nother in his Room . . . .

Hereof faile not and make return of this warrant and  
your doings thereon to some one of us at or before the  
above s<sup>d</sup> day Given under our hands & Seale this Eighth  
day of may A D 1780—

Thos Cowdin	} Select men
Thad <sup>s</sup> Maccarty	
Jonathan Wood	
	for
	Fitchburgh

Worefter fs In obedience to the within warrant I have notifyd and warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by Law agreeable to the within warrant

Fitchburgh may the 23 1780

Daniel Farwell Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Afsembled may the 23 1780

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

[186] 1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted and axcepted of the Constitution or forme of Government as it is Sot forth in the Books Sent to the Sevrall Towns in this State. the number present at the Town meeting was 65—and not one against the Constitution or form of Government, but unanemosly a Greed to axcept of it without one Defenting voice

3<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose a Committee to now or find what the Depreisation of the money is Sins mr Paysons Salory was Granted in Septembr 27 1779

4<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr Kindall Boutall Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> & Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Ju<sup>r</sup> to be a Committe to bring in to s<sup>d</sup> Town what the money Deprefheated Sins mr Paysons Salery was Granted last fall . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted not to Dismifs Capt Jonathan Wood from beng a Commite man

6<sup>ly</sup> voted and a jurnd the Town meeting one hower to wate to here the report of the Committe . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> the Town meet at the time s<sup>d</sup> meeting ftud ajurnd to and the Report of the Committe is that the Town pay mr Payson three thoufand three hundred and twenty pounds foure Shilings to make his Salery Good fins s<sup>d</sup> Salery was Granted . . . . . £3320-4-0

8<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Afsefsors afefs the Sum of three thoufand three hundred & twenty pounds 4/ on the Inhabitents with out Delay in order to pay mr Payson the above fum

9<sup>ly</sup> voted and Disolvd the Town meeting

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting—In the Name of the Goverment & people of the State of mafachusetts Bay you are herby requird to notify & warne the Freholders & other Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to asemble & meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburgh on monday the Sevententh of this Infant July at one o Clock in the after noon then & their being duely met & formd to act on the folowing articles viz—

1 to Choose a moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> to See Whether the Town will raise aney Sum or Sumes of money to pay Such Soldiers as have or may enlist for the present Campain or act any thing thereon as they fhall think proper

Here of fail not and make return of your doings hereon to Sum one of us at or bef before s<sup>d</sup> day—Given under our hands & Seale this first day of July A D 1780

Thos Cowdin	{	Select men
Elijah Carter		for
Thads maccarty		Fitchburgh

[187] Worcester fs Fitchburgh July the 15 1780

a Greable to this warrant I have notified the free holders and other Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town to asemble at time and place for the purpose within mentioned

Phnehas Hartwell Cunstable

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembld July the 17 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted that this Town meeting be ajurnd til to next fryda the 21 Day of this Instant July at two o Clock in the after noone

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh July the 21 1780 The Town meet and opned the meeting aCording to the ajurnment . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> voted & Raised fifty Thousand pounds to pay the Solders that have bin Raised for the prefent Campaine both Conantial & molisha . . . . . £50000-0-0

This meeting Disolvd—

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunftables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting— In the name of the Goverment & people of the State of the Mafachufits Bay you are herby requird to warne the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to vote in Town meetings to meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town Thursday the 20 of this Instant July at one O Clock in the after noon to act on the folowing Articles . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To Choose a moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To See Whether the Town will Chooſe a new Committe to hire men for the Serves of the uniteed States for futter or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper . . .

Hereof faile not & make return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to Sum one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> day Given under our hands & Seal this 5 Day of July A D 1780

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Thds maccarty	
Elijah Carter	

Worcester fs Fitchburgh July the 17 1780 a Greable to Direction of this warrant I have notifyd the free holders and other Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town to asemble at time and place for the purpos within mentned

Phinehas Hartwell Cunftable

[188] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled July the 21, 1780 upon an ajurnment from the 20 Day to fryday the 21 by Reason of a publick fast which was apointed by athority

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk



1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted and Dismist the old Committe that was Chose to hire men to serve as Solder in the army of the united States . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Chuse a new Committe to hire Solders for the futter or til the Towns farther order . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Joseph Walker & Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben Gibson & David Parc to be a Committe to hire Solders til the Towns further order—This meeting Disolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Cunstabls of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . .

In the Name of the Goverment & People of the State of the mafachusets Bay . . . . .

These are to requiere you a Greabel to Law to notify & warne all the male Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town being Twenty one years of age & upward having an annuel Income of three Pounds or any Estate to the value of Sixty Pounds, to assemble & meet at the Meetinghouse in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburg on Monday the fourth day of September next at Nine o clock in the forenoon then & there being duely met & formed agreable to the new Constitutions of Goverment to vote—

1 For a Governor—

2 For a Lieutenant Governor—

3 To Five Persons to be Counsellors & senators

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> day— Given under our hands & seal this Eighteenth day of August, A D 1780

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thad <sup>s</sup> Maccarty	
W <sup>m</sup> Thurlo	
Elijah Carter	

[189] Worcester fs Fitchburg Septembr the 2 1780

that a greable to the Directions of this warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitents of



said town to assemble at time and place for the Purpse within mentned—

Phinehas Hartwell Conftable

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled Septer the 4 1780

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

firstly voted for a Governer the Honorable John Handcock had Sixty three votes . . . . . 63 votes  
 the Honorable James Boadwine one . . . . . 1 Dito  
 then voted for a Senetr the number of votes  
 for the honable Samuel Hotten thirty five vts . 35 Dito  
 for Joseph Darr Esq—thirty three . . . . . 33 Dito  
 for Izreal Nichols Esq . . . . . 33 Dito  
 for Amos Singletory Esq . . . . . 30 Dito  
 for Samuel Curties Esq . . . . . 28 Dito  
 the Returns made and Directed to the Secretry at Boston & Sined by the Select men namly . . .

Elijah Carter	}	Select men for fitchburgh
Tha <sup>d</sup> Maccarty		
Jonathan Wood		
William Thurlo		
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk		

[190] (Seale) Worcester Is To m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . . . .

These are in the Name of the Goverment & People of the State of mafsachusetts Bay to will & require you forthwith to warne the Free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house on monay the Ninth Day of october next at one O Clock in the after noon then & their being duly met and formd to act on the following artcles that is . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will Come into to Suport the Revrant mr Payson the Year Infuing or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to raise money to Suport the Poor & Indegant persons in s<sup>d</sup> Town if need . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> raise money to Suply the Treafury & pay Town Charges particularly to Support the Continental Solders families . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> for all Perfons that have done Service for the Town to bring in their accounts for acceptance and raise money to pay the fame . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will Come into to provide mr Paysons wood the year infuing . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to See in what method the Town will provide Scooling and raife money for the Suporte of the Same or act any thing thereon as they Shall think proper—

Here of faile not & make return of this warrent with your doings thereon to Some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentned Given under our hands & Seale this Twenty fifth Day of Sepembr A D 1780

Elijah Carter	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Thads maccarty	
Jonathan Wood	

Worcester fs Fitchburgh octobr the 9 1780

agreable to the Directons of this warant I have Notifid the free holders & other in habitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town to meet at time & place and for the purpose within mentned  
Phinehas Hartwell Cunstable

[191] at a Legall meetings of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled octobr the 9 1780

T hos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose mr Joseph Walker moderator . .

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raise one hundred pounds in hard money to pay the Revrant mr Payson his Salery the year Infuing to be paid in hard money or produse that is Whete at nine Shilings pr bufhels ry at 6/ pr bufhel Inden Corn at 4/ pr bufhel Labor in the Sumer at 4/ pr Day flax at 1/ pr pound poark at 5<sup>d</sup> pr pound Shep wool at 2/ pr pound Beefe at 3<sup>d</sup> half peney pr pound and all other produse in proportion . . . . . £100-0-0

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to pay Capt Samuel Burbank . . £202-0-0 for Suporting mrs Hart one whole year & so in proportion if she should not Live the year out

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife two Thoufand foure hundrd and Sixten pounds to Suply the Conantnal famelys and to Defray Town Charges . . . . . £2416-0-0

5<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Colo Ebenezer Bridge his account . . . . . 69-18-0-

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Levi Kimball his account . 16-10-0-

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Phinehas Hartwell his account 22-0-0-

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow John Putnam his account . 15-6-0-

9<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Dr maccarty his a Count . 291-0-0-

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Daniel Putnam his aCount 160-0-0-

11<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Oliver Stickne his account . 144-0-0-

12<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood his account . . . . . 84-0-0-

13<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow William Brown his account . 30-0-0-

14<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Joseph Sawyer his a Count . 7-4-0-

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow aseph Perre his a Count . 32-10-0-

16<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow John farwell his account . 18-0-0-

17<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Jacob upton his account . 32-10-0-

18<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Elijah Carter his account . 64-0-0-

19<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Decon John Thurfton his aCount . . . . . 20-0-0-

20<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Kindall Boutall his a Count . . . . . 38-18-0 { taken off

20<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Capt Ruben Gibfon his account . . . . . 20-0-0-

21<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Joseph Walker his a Count . 16-0-0-

22<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Ifaac Gibson his a Count . 9-0-0-

23<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow John Goodard his a Count . 3-0-0-

24<sup>ly</sup> voted to pay John farwell for finding & Delivering at mr Paysons house thirty Coards of Good Wood £440-0-0 . . . . . 440-0-0

[192] 25<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife Two Thoufand pounds to provide a Scool or Scool . . . . . £2000-0-0

and also £500 pounds I Thos Cowdin Give to be Scool out in the Scool house Sot on s<sup>d</sup> Cowdins Land . £500-0-0

Thos Cowdin

26<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose 6 as a Committe to provide a Scool mafter or mafters . . . . .

27<sup>ly</sup> voted Chose Joseph Walker & Decon Thurfton & David Parce & Joseph Downe & Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> &

Joseph farnsworth to be a Committe to provid Scool mafter or mafters . . .

28<sup>ly</sup> voted that Each Committe man Draw his part of the Towns money acording to their valuation

This meeting Difolvd

Joseph Walker moderator  
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs—To Mr Phinehas Hartwell One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—These are in the name of the Goverment & People of the State of Mafsachusetts Bay to will & require You forthwith to notify the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by the new Constitution to vote for a Representative to Afsemble & meet at the Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburg on Monday the Ninth day of October next at five o clock in the Afternoon to elect & depute a proper Person to represent them in the Great & General Court to be convend, held & kept at the State house in Boston on the last Wednesday of October next or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

Hereof fail not & make due returns of this Warrant with your doings thereon to some one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> day—Given under our hands & seal this twentyfifth day of September A D 1780

Elijah Carter	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Thad <sup>s</sup> Maccarty	
Jon <sup>a</sup> Wood	

[193] Worcester fs—Fitchburg October 9th. 1780—

Agreable to the Directions of this Warrant I have notified the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town qualified by the new Constitution to vote for a Representative to meet at time & place & for the purposes within mentiond

Phinehas Hartwell Const<sup>t</sup>

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg October 9<sup>th</sup> 1780. Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin was chosen to represent s<sup>d</sup> Town at the Great & General Court to be conven<sup>d</sup> held & kept at the state House in

Boston on the last Wednesday of October current, agreeable to the new Constitution or form of Government

Elijah Carter } Selectmen  
Thad<sup>s</sup> Maccarty } for  
W<sup>m</sup> Thurlo } Fitchburg

Attest Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worefter fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell one of the Conftables of the Towne of Fitchburgh Greeting . .

These are in the name of the Government & people of the State of Mafsachusetts Bay to will & require you verbally forthwith to warn the Free holders & other Inhabetants of the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to asemble & meet at the Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburgh on Monday the 23 Day of this Inst<sup>t</sup> October at Two O Clock in the afternoon then & their being duely meet & formd to act on the following articles viz . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to choose a Moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will procure the Beef required by the General Coart in their resolves of Septembr the 25 1780—Hereof fail not & make due returne of your doings therin together with this warrant to Some one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day . . . . .

Given under our hands & Seal this twentieth Day [194] of october A D 1780

Thos Cowdin } Select men  
Thad<sup>s</sup> Maccarty } for  
Elijah Carter } Fitchburg

Worcefter fs a Greeable to the Directions of this warrent I have Given verbale notice to the Inhabitents to attend a meeting to be held at the meeting house the 23 Day at two O Clock after noon of this Instant october—Fitchburg october the 23 1780

Phinehas Hartwell Cunftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled octobr the 23 1780 . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk



1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge moderator  
 2<sup>ly</sup> votted and raised Eight Thousand pound . £8000—  
 to proquire or purches foure Thousand & Eight hundred  
 pounds of Beefe a Greable to a Refolve of the General  
 Coart of September the 25 1780—

3<sup>ly</sup> votted to Chuse a Committee to procure the Beefe  
 for the army a Greable to the Coarts Refolve—

4<sup>ly</sup> votted and Chose Decon John Thurston & Afe  
 Perre and Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball Ju<sup>r</sup> to be a Committe to pur-  
 ches the Beefe and that the Towns Committe Give their  
 Securety in behalfe of the Town of Fitchburgh for s<sup>d</sup> Beefe—  
 The meeting Disolvd

David Goodridge moderator  
 Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[195] (Seal) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Hartwell  
 one of the Cunstables of the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the Name of the Common welth of mafsachusetts  
 you are herby requird Verbaly to notify & warn the free  
 holders and other Inhabitents belonging to the North side  
 of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by Law to vote in  
 Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house  
 in s<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the 25 Day of this Inst<sup>t</sup> Decembr  
 at one O Clock in the afternoon then and their being Duely  
 met & formd to act on the folowing arteles viz . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See in what method the Town will provide  
 Beefe for the use of the army agreeable to the General  
 Coarts Refolvs & act thereon as they shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to See whether the Town will alow any accounts  
 to perfons to whome it is Indeted or act any thing there  
 on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile not & make due returne of this War-  
 rant with your dowings thereon to Sum one of us at or  
 before s<sup>d</sup> day—

Given under our Hands & Seale this 21 day of Decembr  
 A D 1780

Elijah Carter	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Thad <sup>s</sup> maccarty	
Jonathan Wood	
William Thurlo	



Worcester Is Fitchburgh Decembr the 23 1780

A Greabele to the Directions of this warrant I have notifiyd & cased to be notifiyd the free holders & other Inhabitents of the north side of 1<sup>st</sup> Town to attend at time & place for the porpoes within mentned—

Phinehas Hartwell Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled the 25 Day Decembr 1780

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh Decembr the 25 1780 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted and a Jurnd Down to the house of Thos Cowdins

3<sup>ly</sup> voted rafe a Sum of money to purchis nine thousand two hundred & Sixteen pounds of Beefe . . 9216 Wate of Beefe

4<sup>ly</sup> voted Raife fifteen Thousand pounds to purches Beefe . . . . . £15000-0-0-

5<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon John Thurston mr Ase Perre & mr Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball & Cap<sup>t</sup> Thurlo to be a Committe to purches the Beefe requested by the General Courts Refolvs of Decembr the 4 1780

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow mr Hodgkin his a Count which is . . . . . £184-18-0

7<sup>ly</sup> voted that the affesors asels the fifteen thousand pounds to purches the Beefe Requested by the General Courts order of Decembr the 4 1780 . . . .

[196] 8<sup>ly</sup> voted that this Town meeting be a jurnd til Tuefday the ninth Day of Janeuery 1781 then to meet at the meeting hous at one o Clock the after noon

Then the Town meet is a jurnd acordingly

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Janeuary the 9 1781 The Town meet acording to a jurnment

9<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow mr Walker his a Count for mending the bridge which is . . . . . £24-0-0

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Aseph Goodridge his a Count . . 25-4-0 pd

11<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow Levi Kimball his a Count . 48-12-0

12<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow Hezekiah Hodgkins his a Count . .  
54-0-0

13<sup>ly</sup> voted this meeting bee adgornd to monday the  
22 Day of this Instant Janeuery at twelve o Clock at  
noon . . . .

Then to meet at the meeting house in f<sup>d</sup> Fitchburgh

This meeting is adgornd a Cordingly

{Tha<sup>ds</sup> maccarty Town Clerk  
{by order of the Select men

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

acording to the a dgornment the Town meet on the  
22 Day of Janeuery 1781 . . .

14<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Committe be orderd to procure  
the Beeffe a chepe & Soone as pofably they Can

This meeting Difolvd

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcefter fs To mr Daniel Farwell one of the  
Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting . . In  
the name of the Goverment and people this Common  
welth . . . you are herby Requird to warn all the free  
holders and other Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town that are Quali-  
fyd by Law to vote in Town afares to asemble and meet  
at the meeting house on Tuesday the nonth Day of Jane-  
uery 1781 at ten O Clock in the fore noone then and their  
being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will Com into to  
Raife or hire the nine Contenanel men Requested by the  
General Courts Resolve of Decembr the 4 1780—or act  
aney thing their on as shall think proper . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to fe whether the Town will Take into their Con-  
sideration all those that have Dun more than their pro-  
portion in the present ware or act aney thing there on as  
they Shall think proper

[197] 4<sup>ly</sup> to See Whether the Town will Take into  
their Consideration what is best to be done as to the new  
moneys being a tender as their is Danger of f<sup>d</sup> tender

being taken of by the General Coart as their are maney of the membr much in faver of the tenders being Discontinued or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . .

Here off faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to sum one of us at or before the Day above mentned Given under our hands and Seale this 25 Day of Decembr A D 1780 . . . .

Thos Cowdin	} Select men of Fitchburg
Elijah Carter	
Jonathan Wood	
William Thurlo	

Worcester fs Fitchburg Janeuery the 9 1781

a Greable to the Directons of this warrant I have Notifd all the free holders & other Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town to attend at time & place for the purpose within mentned  
Daniel Farwell Cunstable

At a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg assembled Janeuery the 9 1781

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Capt Jonathan Wood moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to ajurn s<sup>d</sup> meeting to the house of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdins for one half ower . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife the nine Contnantel men by a Rate of asfeking the whole town for their Hire . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow the field officers & Commision officers belongin to town as an addition to the former Committe to Raise the men to Supply the present ware acord- ing to General Coarts order—

5<sup>ly</sup> motined to See whether the third artcle Shall be acted upon the vote pased in the Negative and pased over . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Shue their minds in Regard to have the Laft omifhon of Contnantel bills be a Lawfull tender & it pased in the affarmitive . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> voted this meeting be adjornd to monday the 22 Day of this Instant Jancuery—The meeting is adjornd

aCordingly then to meet at the meeting house at one o Clock in the after noon

Phinehas Hartwell Clark  
by order of the Select men

Janeuery the 22 1781 met at the adjorment—

8<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon John Thurston & Liut Thos Hartwell as an adition to the former Committe for Hiring Solders into the present War

Jonathan Wood moderator

This meeting Disolvd Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[198] (Seal) Worcester fs To M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell One of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

These are in the Name of the Common Wealth of Maffachufetts to will & require you forthwith to notify & warn the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to afsemble & meet at the Meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburg on Munday the Fifth Day of March next at Nine O Clock in the Forenoon then and their being duly met & form,d to Act on the following Articles viz

1 To chufe a Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> To choofe Selectmen & other Town Officers for the year enfuing as the Law directs . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To Accept any roads or highways that have ben laid out by the Selectmen or their order . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raife to keep the high ways in repair and see in what method it shall be work,<sup>d</sup> out the year Enfuing . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To see who will take M<sup>rs</sup> Hart and Support her the year enfuing and for what sum of money . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will abate any persons Rates on any List committed to any Constable, or any part

7<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will vote the swine to go at Large the present year under the Regulations of the Law

8<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will advance to the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Payson Money safficient to pay for the houe & Land laying next to him which now belongs to Thaddeus Maccarty, upon condition that M<sup>r</sup> Payson relinquishes annually for the future a certain Propotion of the Wood

which the Town are oblig<sup>d</sup> to provide for him, or whether the Town will for any other Consideration advance said money, or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

9<sup>ly</sup> For the Town to hear the report of the Committee appointed by them to procure Soldiers for the Army and Act thereon as they shall think proper . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> To see whether the Town will make any Consideration to the Constables for the Last year for their extraordinary services, or or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

11<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a Register of Deeds for the County of Worcester

[199] Hereof fail not and make return of the Warrant with your doing thereon to some One of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands & seal this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of February A D 1781—

Elijah Carter	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Thad <sup>s</sup> Maccarty	
Jonathan Wood	

Worcester fs. March 5<sup>th</sup> 1781

Agreeable to the directions of this warrant I have Notified the freeholders & other Inhabitants of said town Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings, to affemble at time and place & for the purpofes within mentioned

Phinehas Hartwell Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on munday March 5<sup>th</sup> 1781—

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Deacon Goodridge Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Tha<sup>ds</sup> Maccarty Daniel Putnam Afa Perry Oliver Stickney & Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Selectmen & affessors for the year Ensuing . . . Selectmen & Affessors

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Joseph Fox Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Joseph Fox Town Treafurer . Town Treafurer

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson Deacon John Thurftin & Phinehas Brown Committy of Safty . . Committy of Safty



- 6<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose John Carter Conftable for the south side . . . . . Conftable
- 7<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Conftable for the North Side . . . . . Conftable
- 8<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose John Venon & David Pratt . . . . . Tythingmen
- 9<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose W<sup>m</sup> Small Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Burbank Hezekiah Hodgskins Leu<sup>t</sup> Seth Phillips Jonathan Rufsell Joseph Phelps James Walker Joseph Venon W<sup>m</sup> Brown . . . . . Highway Survayors
- 10<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Daniel Thurstin Amos Parce Tho<sup>s</sup> Thurstin, & Joseph Polley . . . . . Hogreves
- 11<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Paul Wetherbee & Eli Rufsell . . . . . Firewards
- 12<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose James Walker . . . Survayor of Clabbords & Shingles
- 13 Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jon<sup>a</sup> Wood . . . Survayors of hoops & Staves
- [200] 14<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Thurstin . . Sealer of Leather
- 15<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose David Parce . . . . Sealer of Weights & meafures
- 16<sup>ly</sup> Voted & raised Six thoufand pounds to repair the high ways . . . . . £6000 —
- 17<sup>ly</sup> Voted that s<sup>d</sup> Money be workt out at five Dollars an hour and that the Oxen Tools &c be in the Ufeal Propotion . . .
- 18<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Each person work his Rates out by the first of Dcember and if it is not work<sup>d</sup> out by that time that the List be returned to the Affeffors & that the Delinquency be annext to the Delinquents next tax—
- 19<sup>ly</sup> Voted to give Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Burbank Forty bushels of Rye to Support M<sup>rs</sup> Hart one whole year from this time & to make up the Depreciation of the money the year Past and so in propotion if she should Die before the end of the year . . . . .
- 20<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the swine run at Large the year En-fuing under the regulations of the Law . . .
- 21<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adjorned to Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of this Infntent March and this meeting is adjorn,d accordingly . . . . .



March 12<sup>th</sup> the Town mett according to adjournment

22<sup>nd</sup> Voted to Dismifs the Eight Article article in the warrant concerning Mr Payson<sup>s</sup> Request . . .

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Committee chofen to procure Soldiers for the three years service offer the men that shall go for three years One hundred hard Dollers Each, for Each year

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse a Committee to hire Nine hundred Dollers hard money upon the Towns Credit . . .

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted and W<sup>m</sup> Brown & Elijah Garfield a committee for the above purpose of hiring the Nine hundred Dollers hard money—

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over the 10<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Mr Joseph Walker & Nicholas Danforth fence viewers . . . . . Fence viewers

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Endemnify the Affsors & Millitia offerers for not puting in Execution the Court<sup>s</sup> Refolves respecting clafsing the Inhabitants in order to procure the Continential men required of this Town . . . . .

[201] 29<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Eli Rufsell<sup>s</sup> Minefter<sup>s</sup> Depreciation Rate which is £6-13- . . . . . £6 13 0

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjorn this meeting to Tusday the 13<sup>th</sup> of this Instant March at two O Clock in the afternoon at this place the meeting adjorn<sup>d</sup> accordingly

March 13<sup>th</sup> 1781 The Town meet according to adjournment

31<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 19<sup>th</sup> of this Instant March at One OClock in the afternoon at this place the meeting is adjorned accordingly . . .

March 19<sup>th</sup> 1781 The Town mett according to adjournment

32<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjorn this meeting to munday the 26<sup>th</sup> of this Instent march at One OClock in the afternoon at this place this meeting adjorn<sup>d</sup> accordingly . . .

March 26<sup>th</sup> 1781 The Town mett according to adjournment

33<sup>ly</sup> Voted to reconsider that part of the 27<sup>th</sup> vote (viz) that the Affsors & millitia officers do not clafs the Inhabitents according to the Courts Refolves . . .

34<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Affessors proceed Emedately to Claſs the Inhabitants in order to procure the remainder of the Continental Soldiers requir<sup>d</sup> of this Town, which is not already procured

35<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjourn this meeting to monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of April at one OClock in the afternoon at this place the meeting adjourn<sup>d</sup> accordingly . . . . .

April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1781 The Town mett according to adjournment

36<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate John Priest<sup>s</sup> Pole Tax in James Patterfons List which is . . . . . £30-11-0 . .

37<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Tho<sup>s</sup> Hills Rate in James Patterfon<sup>s</sup> List which is . . . . . £3-6-6 . . .

38<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose 'Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Burbank Collector for the south side of the Town in the Rome of M<sup>r</sup> Jo<sup>s</sup> Walker Dismissed and the said Burbank is to be allowed the same upon the hundred for collecting as M<sup>r</sup> Walker was to have had which is Twenty six shilling the old Continental Currency or other money to the value . . .

39<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be Disolved and this meeting is Disolved accordingly

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[202] (Seal) Worcester fs

To M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts these are to require you forthwith, Verbally, to warn the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assembly & meet at the Meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the twelv<sup>th</sup> day of this Inf<sup>t</sup> March at Nine OClock in the forenoon then and their being duly met & formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1 To chuse a Moderator

2<sup>dly</sup> To see whether the Town will make any consideration to the Constables that are chosen for the year ensuing or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to sum One of us at or before said Day. Given Under our hands & seal this Eighth Day of March A D 1781—

Thad <sup>s</sup> Maccarty	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Afa Perry	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	

Worcester. Is Fitchburg March 12<sup>th</sup> 1781—

Agreeable to the directions of this warrant I have given Publick notice to the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town to attend at time and Place and for the purpofes within mentioned as near as the Sabbath Day would admit of

Errors Excepted . . Phinehas Hartwell Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled March 12<sup>th</sup> 1781—

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Excuse M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> John Carter for Serving as Collectors the year Ensuing they paying into the Town Treafurer ten Dollers each the old way . . . . .

[203] 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Accept Nine hundred Dollers Each of M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> John Carter for the ten Doller Each the old way for serving as to collecting the money which shall be affesed the Ensuing year

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>r</sup> John Carter pay the above sums of nine hundred Dollers Each to the Collector or Collectors which shall be chosen for the purpose of collecting the money which shall be affesed the Ensuing year—

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse to Collectors

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Collectors which shall be chosen shall procure bonsmen if required by the Town . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose M<sup>r</sup> Josefph Walker Collector for the South side of the Town for the Ensuing year for which the Town voted to give him twenty six shillings upon the hundred pound which he shall collect and pay when ordered

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson Collector for the North side the Town for the Ensuing year for which the town voted to give him twenty five shillings upon the

Hundred pound which he shall collect and pay when ordered

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be Difolved—

The meeting Difolved accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs. To M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> O of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . .

In the name of the Common Wealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required forthwith to notify in due course of Law agreeable to the New Constitution the Freeholders & other Inhabitents quallified thereby to vote for the Officers hereafter mentioned to assemble & meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburg on Monday the Second Day of April next at Two OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly met and formed to vote—

1<sup>ly</sup> For a Governor

2<sup>ly</sup> For a Lievteneut Governor—

3<sup>ly</sup> For five Counsellors & Senators—

Hereof fail not & make due return of this warrant with your doing thereon to Some one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands & Seal this twenty forth Day of March A D 1781

Thad <sup>s</sup> Maccarty	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Daniel Putnum	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	

[204] Worcester: fs: Fitchburg April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1781—

By virtue of the within warrant. I have warnd all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town to meet at the time and place within mentioned—

Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled on monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> Day of April A D 1781—

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose His Excellency John Hancock Votes  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Governor of this Commonwealth—thirty  
five votes

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose The Honorable Tho<sup>s</sup> Cush-  
ing Esq<sup>r</sup> Liev<sup>t</sup> Governor twenty six votes 26  
3<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose the Following Gentlemen as  
Counsellors & Senators . . .  
Israel Nichols Esq<sup>r</sup> 26 votes Sam<sup>l</sup> Baker Esq<sup>r</sup> 26 votes  
Seth Washbern Esq<sup>r</sup> 26 votes Sam<sup>l</sup> Curtis Esq<sup>r</sup> 26 votes  
W<sup>m</sup> Denfmore Esq<sup>r</sup> 26 votes  
The meeting Disolved

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Fitchburg April 7<sup>th</sup> 1781—Then rec<sup>d</sup> of the Selectmen  
of the Town of Fitchburg One hundred & six Bushels of  
Indian Corn it being in full of a Note given to my son  
Stephen for serveing as a Soldier in the Continental Army  
agreable to the Resolves of the General Court which Note  
is lost

John Thurston

A true copy Attest

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[205] (Seal) Worcester fs: To M<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer  
Jun<sup>r</sup> One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
Greeting—

In the Name of the Common Wealth of Massachusets  
these are to require you forthwith to notify the freehold-  
ers and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg  
quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble  
at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on Tusday the  
Fifth Day of June next at One O Clock in the afternoon  
then and there being duely met & formed to act on the  
following articles (viz)

1 To chose a Moderator

2 To see whether the Town will raise any sum or  
sums of money to pay such depreciation as by Law is  
become due and also for such other purposes as are neces-  
sary for the Towns use or act any thing thereon as they  
shall think proper

3 To see Whether the Town will make any Confidera-  
tion to Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson, for an Obligation which he  
gave to Abraham Willard to Serve in the Army or act  
any thing there on as they shall think proper—Hereof  
fail not and make due return of this warrant with your



doings thereon to sum one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day  
Given under our hands and Seal this twenty first Day of  
May A D 1781

Thad <sup>s</sup> Maccarty	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Daniel Putnum	
Afa Perry	
Oliver Stickney	

Worcester fs June 5<sup>th</sup> 1781—

by virtue of this warrant I have Notified all the free-  
holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to  
meet at the time and place within mentioned . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Constable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
Fitchburg afsembled June 5<sup>th</sup> 1781—

1<sup>st</sup> Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Moderator—

2<sup>nd</sup> Voted not to raise any money to pay up any  
depreciation at this meeting

3<sup>y</sup> Voted not to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Gibson any allowance  
for the private contract between s<sup>d</sup> Gibson & Abraham  
Willard as to a Note Cap<sup>t</sup> Gibson gave to Willard for fifty  
bushels Rye. The meeting Disolved

Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Moderator

by order of the Selectmen

Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[206] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To Phinehas Sawyer  
Jun<sup>r</sup> One of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg  
Greeting . . . . .

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maffachusetts  
you are hereby ordered forthwith to Notify and warn the  
free holders and other Inhabitants of Fitchburg to Afsem-  
ble at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on munday the ninth  
of this Infant July at five OClock in the Afternoon to act  
on the following Articles (viz)

1<sup>st</sup> To chuse a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2 To see what method the Town will come into to git  
the Beef that is Emediately demanded of the Town

3 To see whether the Town will indemnify the Con-  
stables in taking the Old Emiffion of money . . .



Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant to sum one with you doings theiron to sum one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> time given under our hands and Seals this ninth Day of July 1781—

Daniel Putnam { Selectmen  
Afa Perry { of  
Oliver Stickney { Fitchburg

Worcester fs July 9<sup>th</sup> 1781—

By virtue of the within warrant I have warned all the free holders and other Inhabitants according to the within warrant

Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affsembled July 9<sup>th</sup> 1781—

1<sup>st</sup> Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Committe which was chosen by the Town to purchase the beef, Emedietely go out in order to purchase the beef required of this Town by the General Court, and that s<sup>d</sup> Committee Engage the pay for s<sup>d</sup> beef in three Months

The meeting Difolved

Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo Moderator  
Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[207] (Seal) Worcester: fs: To John Carter One of the Conftable for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . In the name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts you are hereby ordered In due corse of Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Tusday the twenty forth Day of this Instant July at three OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the town will take to procure the Beef that they are call<sup>d</sup> upon for and see what sum or

sums of money they will raife to pay for s<sup>d</sup> Beef and what currency they will raife it in . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To see What method the Town will take to procure the Clothing they are called upon for, or act any thing upon the above articles as they shall think proper when meet

Hereof Fail not and make return with your doings their on to sum one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day given under our hands and Seal this ninth Day of July A D 1781 . .

Daniel Putnam	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Afa Perry	
Oliver Stickney	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	

Worcester: fs: In obedience to the within warrant I have warn'd all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the meeting house on the Twenty forth Day of July 1781 . . . . .

John Carter Conftable

At a legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled July 24<sup>th</sup> 1781 . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be Difolved the meeting Difolved accordingly

Tom<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Moderator  
Jo<sup>s</sup>: Fox Town Clerk

[208] (Seal) Worcester: fs: Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> One of the Conftables for the town of Fitchburg Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachusetts you are hereby ordered in due corse of Law to Notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg quallified by law to vote in Town meetings to Affemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on tusday the forth Day of September next at One OClock in the afternoon then and their being duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To chose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To see what method to Town will come into for supplying the agent with Beef or act any thing refering there unto . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will take to Support the Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Payson this present year . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will take to support the Poor

5<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will take to provid schools or any thing refering their unto as they shall think Proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To see what sum or sums of money the Town will raise to defray town charges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will take to pay such Debts as the Continential money will not discharge. or act any thing refering their unto as they shall think proper . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the town will take to procure the Clothing Demanded of s<sup>d</sup> Town for the Army . .

9<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will allow such accounts as shill be laid before them for services Done for s<sup>d</sup> Town . .

10<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will take to supply The Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Payson with Wood for the year Enfu- ing . . . . .

Hereof fail not to make return of your doings theiron to sum one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day given under Our hands and Seal this Sixteenth Day of August. 1781 . . .

Afa Perry	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Oliver Stickney	
Thomas Hartwell	

Worcester: fs. August 31<sup>st</sup> 1781—

by virtue of this warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to affemble and meet at the time and place within mentioned  
Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Conftable.

[209] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitant of the Town of Fitchburg affembled Sep<sup>t</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1781 . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Deacon David Goodridge Moderator . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that their be a Committee chofen to let out by vendue to the lowest bidder in Small Quantity<sup>s</sup> if it will best sute, The Beef required of this Town to supply the Army

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the committee confist of three men . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood Cap<sup>t</sup> Will<sup>m</sup> Thurlo and M<sup>r</sup> Kendal Boutell to be the Committee for the above purpose

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise one hundred pounds in hard money to pay the Reverend M<sup>r</sup> Payson his Salery this present year to be in hard money or in produce at the following prices<sup>s</sup> (viz) Wheat at 9/ p<sup>r</sup> bushel. Rye at 6/ p<sup>r</sup> bushel Indian corn at 4/ p<sup>r</sup> bushel, Labour in the Summer Seafon at at 4/ p<sup>r</sup> Day Flax at 1/ p<sup>r</sup> pound Pork at 5<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> pound Sheeps woll at 2/ p<sup>r</sup> pound. Beef at 3½<sup>d</sup> p<sup>r</sup> pound, and all other produce in propotion . . . . . £100 — —

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise Sixty pounds hard Money to hire school Mafter, Mafters or Miftrefses . . . . . £60 — —

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry Cap<sup>t</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Thurlo M<sup>r</sup> Eph<sup>r</sup> Kimball Jun<sup>r</sup> M<sup>r</sup> John Carter M<sup>r</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Harrifs & M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Holt to be the schools Committee to provide school or schools as they shall think proper . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the School money be laid out as ordered by the Town the Last year . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a committee to Examine the Accounts, Notes, orders, &c which the Town is now Indebted and see what hard money must be rais<sup>d</sup> to Discharge those Debts agreable to the Scale

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Selectmen & Town Treafurer be the Committee for the above purpose and make report to the Town . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise One hundred & fifty pounds to pay neffessary charges . . . . . £150 0 0

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise thirty six pounds to pay for Beef already purchased . . . . . £36 0 0

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise Twenty pounds to provide Clothing for the Army which the town is called upon for . 20 — —

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted Voted to pay M<sup>r</sup> Afeph Goodridge Seven pounds thirteen Shillings for finding and Delivering at M<sup>r</sup> Paysons house Thirty Cord of good Wood corded up at

his house the Said goodride to begin to git the Wood the first of Dcemb<sup>r</sup> next . . . . . £7 13 -

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adjorned to the Twenty fifth Day of this Instant Sep<sup>t</sup> at one OClock after-noon at this place

[210] Sep<sup>t</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1781. The Town meet according to the adjornment and proceeded to bifiness . . . . .

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted to raise Forty pounds ten shillings in order to pay for the remainder of the Last Coto of Beef which the Town is called upon for which is 2254 . . £40 10 -

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over the Seventh article in the warrant for the present

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Doc<sup>t</sup> Thadeus M<sup>c</sup> Carty for thirty Days service as an affeisor . . . . . £4 0 -

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Eph<sup>r</sup> Kimball Jun<sup>rs</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . 3 8 -

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry his ac<sup>t</sup> which is 1 4 0

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood for service done the Town . . . . . 2 16 -

22<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Kimbool for p<sup>r</sup> Shoes . . . . . 0 8 -

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry<sup>s</sup> at<sup>t</sup> which is 1 19 -

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Deacon Thurstin<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . 0 9 -

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . 2 14 -

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Carter<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . 3 19 8

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> . . . . . - 6 0

28<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow M<sup>r</sup> David Parce<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . 0 16 -

29<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . 0 8 0

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Burbank<sup>s</sup> at<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . 1 0 7

31<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Joseph Fox for serving as Town Treafurer for the the year 1780 . . . . . 4 10 0

32<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Thurlo for service done the Town as Selectman and Affeisor for the year 1780 . . 2 10 8



33<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Mr Elijah Garfield for service as a Committee man going to Boston to hire hard money for the Towns use . . . . . 0 17 4

34<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Mr W<sup>m</sup> Brown for service as a committee man, going to Boston to hire hard money for the Towns use . . . . . 0 17 4

35<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin for serving as Town Treasurer five months in the year 1778 and the whole of the year 1779 and as a Committee man to hire Soldiers for the army . . . . . 6 12 —

36<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson<sup>s</sup> ac<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . 0 12 0

37<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Joseph Fox for Serving Seven months as Treasurer in the year 1778 . . . . . 2 10 —

[211] 38<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Mr Sam<sup>l</sup> Davis his ac<sup>t</sup> for Opening and Sweeping the meeting house Eighteen months to this present time . . . . . £1 4 0

39<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise One hundred and twenty nine pounds to Defray town Charges . . . . . 129 0 0

40<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this be Defolved

David Goodridge Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

Fitchburg December 25<sup>th</sup> 1781—

This may certify whome it may concern that the following persons is Licenced by us the Subscribers to Sell Tea agreeable to the act of the General Court Pased Nov<sup>r</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1781—(viz) John Solley Esq<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Hichborn Esq<sup>r</sup> & Joseph Fox

Daniel Putnum } Selectmen  
Oliver Stickney } of  
Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell } Fitchburg

(Seal) Worcester Is: To Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> one of the Conftables of the Town of Fitchburg, Greeting: In the Name of the Commonwealth of Maffachusetts you are hereby ordered in due corse of Law to notify and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on



munday the Thirty first Day of this instant December at twelve OClock on s<sup>d</sup> Day then and their being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles (viz)

1<sup>y</sup> To chose a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>y</sup> To see what method the Town will take to procure the beef that should have ben provided last year that is now Demanded . . . .

3<sup>y</sup> To see what method the Town will take in further, instructing the old Conftables and if the Town will give them any orders how to Collect the Taxes that are behind in the Delinquant Conftables hands that was raised in Continental money or act any thing refering thereto as they shall think proper when meet . . . .

Hereof fail not to make return of your doings thereon to sum one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day given under Our hands and Seal this Seventeenth Day of December A D 1781

Daniel Putnum	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Afa Perry	
Oliver Stickney	
Tho <sup>s</sup> . Hartwell	

Worcester fs. Dcemb<sup>r</sup>. 28<sup>th</sup> 1781—

By virtue of this warrent I have notified & warnd the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time and place with in mentioned . .

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup>. Conftable

[212] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affembled December 29<sup>th</sup> 1781—

1<sup>y</sup> Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibfon Moderator

2<sup>y</sup> Voted that the Selectmen procure the beef that is behind when it is Demanded

3<sup>y</sup> Voted that M<sup>r</sup>. Phinehas Hartwell and M<sup>r</sup>. Daniel Farwell Conftables for the year 1780 shall collect what is delinquent in their hands at the rate of one Silver Doller for Seventy five Dollers, as it stands set Down in their Lists

4<sup>y</sup> Voted that the other Delinquent Conftables shall Colect what what is in their hands uncollected according

to the Scale of Depreciation when s<sup>d</sup> money was ordered to be paid into the Treafurer

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be Difolved

Reuben Gibfon Moderator

Daniel Putnum Clerk protemporary

A true copy from the minutes attest

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcefter: fs To John Carter One of the Conftables for the Town of Fitchburg Greeting—By a request to us for a number of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town we in the Name of this Commonwealth do require you forthwith in due Corfe of Law to notify and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town Quallifyed by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Friday the Eight Day of February next at twelve OClock on s<sup>d</sup> Day then and their being duly meet and form<sup>d</sup> to act on the following articles (viz

1<sup>ly</sup> To chuse a moderator to govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To see how much value the old paper Currency stood at for purchasing articles or paying demands for which it was affesed for in each Rate at the time they become payable and at what number of Dollers they purchased the articles they were designed for which yet remains in the hands of Phinehas Hartwell & Daniel Farwell Conftables that is not collected for the better understanding of the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

3<sup>ly</sup> To see what value the Silver money is at now in purchasing the same articles & paying the Towns Debts that a Just estimation be made between the Silver and the old paper Currency in propotion to its value in purchasing the same articles or paying Just demands that the creditor may receive his Just reward & the Debter be not injered or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper when meet—

[213] 4<sup>ly</sup> To see what may be done with regard to the old paper Currency that Each person paid into the Conftables after the value was Dead as to purchasing the

articles & paying the Debts affesed for, that is now stored in the Treasurers hands to the Damage of said Town or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

5<sup>th</sup> To see if the Town will take into confideration their paper money Debts and the Notes given for Corn and Settle them in Silver money or give Security for them that a Settlement may be made that the Town may know what Standing they are upon . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To see what the Town will allow to Phinehas Hartwell and Daniel Farwell Conftables, for their Service for collecting the Taxes in their hands or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper—

7<sup>ly</sup> To see how the Town will Settle with the Soldiers that was hire<sup>d</sup> to go into the Service for three months the Last campain and have notes for the Same & did not march . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will make any confideration for a Note that Cap<sup>t</sup> Gibfon gave to Abraham Willard for going into the Continential Service for six months or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper—

9<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will abate any person or persons Rates that is in any of the Conftables hands or any part of their rates or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . .

Hereof Fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings theron to sum one of us at or before said Day given under Our hands and Seal this Twenty fifth Day of Januery 1782—

Daniel Putnum	} Selectmen of Fitchburg
Afa Perry	
Oliver Stickney	
Thomas Hartwell	

Worcester fs Febr̄y y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1782

By virtue of and agreeable to the within warrant I have Notified the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified By Law to vote, to assemble at time and place and for the purposes within Mentioned

John Carter Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Affembled February 8<sup>th</sup> 1782

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Mr Kendal Boutell Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Selectmen & Town Treafurer be a committe to take under confideration the fifth article in the warrant and make report at sum futer meeting . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to chuse a committee to see how they can settle with the three months men that was hire<sup>d</sup> to go to west point and did not march . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Mr Elijah Garfield & Mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> to be the committee for the above purpose

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Afa Rufsell's Rates in Jonathan Holts List it being Twenty shillings

[214] 6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Adam Colwells Rates in Jonath Holts List it being Twenty One shillings two pence three farthings . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be adjourned to munday the Eighteenth of this Instant Febr<sup>y</sup> at One OClock in the afternoon at this place . . . . .

February 18<sup>th</sup> 1782 The Town meet according to adjorment

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Dismifs Mr Kendal Boutell as moderator

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Mr Daniel Putnum Moderator in the rome of Mr Kendal Boutell difmis<sup>d</sup> . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse a Committee to take under consideration the Second article in the warrant

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Mr Phinehas Hartwell Capt Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin & Mr David M<sup>c</sup> Intire to be the committe for the above purpose

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the above Committee take under consideration the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> articles in the warrant together with the Second article and make their report at the next March meeting . . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the above committee take under consideration the 5<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant and the Towns paper money Debts & Corn Notes and take up the Towns notes and Settle them at as cheap a Rate as they can and give their Security for it in the Towns behalf and that the committe make report of their doings the next march meeting

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Mr Phinehas Hartwell and Mr Daniel Farwell Constables for the year 1780 pay into the Town Treasurer Twelve Dollers Each and that the above Constables shall be paid Twenty five shillings upon the hundred pounds for that they shall collect. what is already collected in paper money is to be reckned in paper money but they to be paid according to the Scale

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over the 8<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over the 9<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted that this meeting be Difolved

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Joseph Fox Town Clerk

[215] (Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> one of the Cunstables of the Town of Fitchburg Greeting . . . . .

These are in the Name of the Common welth of Maffachufets to will & require you forthwith to notify & warn the freholders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble & meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburgh on monday the forth Day of march next at Nine O Clock in the fore noon then & their being duely met and formd to act on the following ártcles (viz) . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> To chose a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To Chose Select men & other Town officers for the year enfuing as the Law directs . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To axcept aney roads or high ways that have ben laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will raise to keep the high ways in repare and see in what method it shall be workd out the year infuing . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To See who will take mrs Hart and Suport her the year enfuing and for what Sum of money . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will abate aney prfons Rates on aney List Committed to aney Conftable or aney part

7<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will vote the Swine to go at large the Enfuing year under the Regulation of the Law

8<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will fence the burying yard or agree with aney person to do it or act aney thing as they shall think proper . . . .



9<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will allow aney a Counts Shall be laid before them for Services done s<sup>d</sup> Town . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> To See what the Town will do with the axes shovels & Pick axes that was purchased by the town and was Stord with Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowdin or act aney thing thereon as they shall think proper . . .

Here of faile not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to Som one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands & Seale this fiftenth of Februry A D 1782

Daniel Putnam	} Select men of Fitchburgh
Afa Perry	
oliver Stickne	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	

[216] Worcester fs March the 4 1782

by virtue of This warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifid by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble & meet at the time & place with in mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Conftable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh affembled march the 4 1782

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chofe Decon Goodridge moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chose three Select men for the year En-  
fuing

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Capt Thos Cowdin mr oliver  
Stickne & mr Ephraim Kimball . . . . . Select men

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted and mr oliver Stickne mr Ephraim Kimball  
& mr John Thurston . . . . . Affefsors

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Thos Cowdin . Town Clerk

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Treasurer

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Joseph Fox Cunstable for the South  
Side of the Town . . . . . Cunstable

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose mr Jacob Upton Cunstable for the  
North Side . . . . . Cunstable

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuse two Collicters to Collect the  
money that Shall be Affesed the Ensuing year The Con-  
ftables that is chofe (viz) Jofeph fox & mr Jacob Upton



they paying into the Treasurer ten Dolars Each the old way Shall Excuse them for Serving as Collectors

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Collectors that Shall be Chosen shall Give bonds to the Town if Requird for the Sums Delivr'd them to Collect . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Burbank . . Collector South Side

and that he Shall have Twenty Eight Shilings upon Evry hundred pound he Shall Collect . Collector north Side

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose mr Joseph Phelps Collector north Side and he Shall have Twenty Eight Shilings [217] upon Evrey hundred pound he Shall Collect . . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose mr James Walker & mr Afa Perry . . . . . Tythingmen

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood mr Hezekiah Hodgkins Lieut<sup>t</sup> Kindall Boutall mr amos ordway mr Jacob Gibson mr aaron Eaton mr John Carter mr Joseph Polley & Cap<sup>t</sup> Thos Cowdin to be Survaers of high Wayes . . . . . Suvaers of high Ways

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose mr David Whitemore mr Hezekiah Hodgkins mr Jonathan Wares & mr William Beene hog reves . . . . . hog reves

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose mr Jofhua Parce & mr Joseph Gray . . . . . fier Wards

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted and chose mr James Walker . . Surver of Clabords & Shingles

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood Survaer of hups & Staves . . . . . hups & Staves

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose mr oliver Brown . . Seler of Lether

20<sup>ly</sup> Voted & chose mr David Parce . . . Seler of waits & mefhers

21<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raise one hundred Pounds repare the high Ways & Bridges in this Town for the year Ensuing

22<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow the persons for their work Each Day upon the high ways their Cattle & other utentials the Same prife as was alowd them in the year 1774 . . .

23<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Survaers See that their Rates be workt out by the Last of Septembr next . . . . .

24<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Surveyors of high Ways return their Lifts of Tax to the affessors by the Laft of Septer next and thofe perfons that then hath not payd their Rates Shall be aded to their next Town Tax . . . . .

25<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate John muges Rates in mr James Paterfons Lift it being two pounds Sixteen Shilings and Seven pence . . . . . £2 16-7

26<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate mr Ephraim Kimball pole tax in mr James Paterfons List it beng . . . . . 31-2-0

27<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Give mr Thos Stearns Twelve pounds to Suport Mrs Hart one whole year and so in proportion if She should not Live the year out . . . . . 12 0-0

[218] 28<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjorn this meeting to the twentyeth Day of this Instant march at one O Clock in the after noon at this place

Joseph fox Town Clerk

March the 20 1782 the Town meet acording to the adjornment and pceeded to bifnes

29<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Samuel Harrifes Rates in mr Phinehas Sawyers Lift 10/3 . . . . . 00 10 3

30<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate one third of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thos Hutchisons tax on his Real Eftate in Daniel farwells List and the paper tax in Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Burbank Lift . . . . .

31<sup>ly</sup> Voted Let the Swine Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law . . . . .

32<sup>ly</sup> Voted to fence the Burying yard . . . . .

33<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Chuese a Committe for the above purpose

34<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chofe m<sup>r</sup> Afa Perrey & John Goodridge Afeeph Goodridge to be a Committe to fence the Burying yard with a Good Stone Wall and Git the Wall Bult as Cheap as they Can . . . . .

35<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow mr Joseph Walker his a Count which is . . . . . £1-0-0 paid

36<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow oliver Stickne his a Count which is . . . . . x5 16-0 paid

37<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Daniel Putnam his a Count which is . . . . . x6-4-0 paid

38<sup>ly</sup> Voted to alow Afa Perrey his a Count which is . . . . . x5-4-0 paid

39<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Thos Hartwell his a Count which  
is . . . . . x5 16 0 paid

40<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Joseph Fox his a Count which  
is . . . . . x9 3 5 paid

41<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Thos Cowdin to Sell the Towns  
Shovels and axes & pick axes at a vandue to the highest  
Bidder

42<sup>ly</sup> Voted and axcepted mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> to  
Serve as Cunstable in mr Joseph Foxes Rume mr fox pay-  
ing twelve Silver Dolars to the Town Treasurer

[219] 43<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate Abner Livermors Rates  
in James Paterfons List which is in paper money . £17 9 0

44<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate forty one pounds of Jonas Kin-  
dalls tax in mr Daniel farwells Lift paper money . £41-0-0

This Town meeting Dissolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

Fitchburgh Febuery the 25 1782

Laid a Road Begining at Thos Thurstons Land runing  
Southerdly Eighty one rods on John Thurstons Land on  
william Haskell East Line til it Coms to Phnehas Hart-  
wells Land so Runing on s<sup>d</sup> Hartwells til it Comes to a  
Certain Red oak tree mark on the Westerdly Side then  
Turns South West on s<sup>d</sup> Hartwells Land thirteen Rods to  
a Town Road

The Town Voted to accept the above Describd Road  
So far as the Red oak if Given

Daniel Putnam	} Select men for Fitchburg
oliver Stickne	
Thos Hartwell	
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk	

Fitchburgh may the 9 1783 David maccentier herby  
notfys the Select men of the Town of Fitchburgh that he  
hath taken into his house Capt Samuel Bradford and  
marey his wife and two Children namely Debbe & faney  
who Came from hampshier State Which we the Selectmen  
of s<sup>d</sup> Town Refuse to admit as Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town

the said Cap<sup>t</sup> Bradford Came in to town the 28 Day  
of march 1783

	Oliver Stickney	} Select men for Fitchburgh
	Tho <sup>s</sup> Steans	
	John Thursten Jur <sup>r</sup>	
A True Coppey	Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk	

[220] (Seal) Worcester Is To mr Phinehas Sawyer  
Jur<sup>r</sup> Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are in the Name of the Common welth of the  
massachusetts Bay to will & requier you forth with to  
notify & warn all the free holders & other Inhabitents of  
the Town of Fitchburg qualified by Law to vote in Town  
meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup>  
Town of Fitchburgh on Wenfday the 20 Day of this  
Instant march at one O Clock in the afternoon then and  
their being Duely meet and form'd to act on the ollowing  
artcles that is

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chose a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will take Respect-  
ing the old paper money that remains un Collected and  
See whether the Town will axcept of the Report of their  
Committee Chose to Estimate the value of the old paper  
money or vote aney thing Refering there to as they shall  
think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will take to Raise  
Soldiers for the futter or vote aney thing Refering there to  
as they shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to Take under their Consideration Cap<sup>t</sup> Ruben  
Gibsons Request Confering his note Given to mr Abraham  
Willard for fifty Bufhels of Ry or vote aney thing Refering  
there to as they Shall think proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to See whether the Town will Chuse a Committe  
to Settle with the Late Town Treadurer mr Joseph fox . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to  
Som one of us at or before the time above mentned Given  
under our hands & Seale this Sixth Day of march A D  
1782

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Ephraim Kimball	

Worcester fs—20<sup>th</sup> March 1782

By Virtue of this warrant I have warn'd all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to meet at the time & Place within mentioned

Phin. Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Constable

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[221] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the town of Fitchburgh asembl'd march 20<sup>th</sup> 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>stly</sup> Voted and chose M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam Moderator

2<sup>dly</sup> Voted not to accept the report of the Committee chosen by the town to Estimate the Value of the old Paper money

3<sup>dly</sup> Voted to Claſs to raiſe the 4 men now demanded for three years

4<sup>thly</sup> Voted to adjourn the 4<sup>th</sup> Article 'till the first Day of April respecting Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson's request . .

5<sup>thly</sup> Voted to chuse a Committe to settle with M<sup>r</sup> Fox late town treafurer

6<sup>thly</sup> Voted and chose M<sup>r</sup> Phineas Hartwell, M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam & m<sup>r</sup> Phineas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> as a Committee to settle with the Town Treafurer . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjourn this town meeting to the first monday of April next at three O'Clock in the afternoon at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town

p<sup>r</sup> Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

April first. 1782 the town met according to adjournment and the meeting open'd and proceeded to the buſineſs of the Town

8<sup>thly</sup> Voted to paſs over the fourth Article respecting Capt Gibson's request, and to have that article inſerted in the next warrant for a Town meeting . . . . .

9<sup>thly</sup> Voted and accepted of the Town's accounts as they ſtand ſettled by the Towns Committee, as they appear on the Towns Treafurer's Book . . . . .

This meeting diſolv'd . . Daniel Putman Moderator

Thos. Cowdin Town Clerk



(Seale) Worcester Is To mr Phinehas Sawyer Jur one of the Cunstables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth of the mafsachusetts you are herby Requird to notify in Due Corfe of Law agreable to the Conftitution the free holders & other Inhabitents qualified there by to vote for the officers here after mentned to afsemble & meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the first day of april next at 2 o Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Vote for a Governer . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> for a Liut Governer . . . .

[222] 3<sup>ly</sup> for five Senators . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Take notis of the Letter Sent from Hardwick Committe to the Select men Respecting Sending a Deligat to Worcester to Confider on the Greavencies the County of Worcester Labors under or vote aney thing Refering there to as the Town Shall Think Proper . . . .

Here of faile not & make Return of this Warrent to some one of us with your Dowings there on at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands & Seale this fifteenth Day of march A D 1782

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Ephraim Kimball	

Worcester Is frst of april 1782

by vertue of this warrant I have warnd the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to afsemble and meet at the time & place & for the purpose with in mentned . . . .

Phinehas Sawyer Cunstabl

Att a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh afsembled april the 1 1782

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose his Exelency John Handcock Esq Governer of the Common welth Sixteen vots . . 16



- 2<sup>ly</sup> for the Honorable James Bodwine Esq . . . 3 vots  
 for the Honorable Samuel Holten Esq Liut  
 Governor Seventeen vots . . . . . 17 vots  
 for the Honorable Thos Cufhen Esq Liut  
 Governor . . . . . 7 vots  
 [223] 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted for five Senators that is for  
 Samuel Baker Esq . . . . . 21 vots  
 for Samuel Curties Esq . . . . . 21 vots  
 for the Honorable moses Gill Esq . . . 16 vots  
 for Dr William Dinsmoor Esq . . . . . 17 vots  
 for Col<sup>o</sup> Seth Wafhburn . . . . . 16 vots  
 for Ifrael Nichols Esq . . . . . 11 vots  
 for Judge Dar Esq . . . . . 5 vots

A True Copy attest Select men for fitchburgh

Thos Cowdin } Select men  
 Ephraim Kimball } for  
 Fitchburgh

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Send a Deligat to meet the Convention  
 to be held at Worcester the 2 Tuesday of april Instant

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose mr David macentier to attend  
 the Convention at Worcester

Thos Cowdin } Select men  
 Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball } for  
 Fitchburgh

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester Is To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> one  
 of the Cunfables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are in the name of the Goverment and People  
 of the State of Mafsachufetts Bay to will and requier you  
 forthwith to notify the Free holders and other Inhabitents  
 of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by the new Constitu-  
 tion to vote for a Representative to asemble & meet at  
 the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburgh on Thursday the Six-  
 teenth Day of may next at one O Clock in the afternoon  
 to Elect & Depute a proper Person to Represent them in  
 the Grate & General Coart to be Convend and held at  
 the State house in Boston on the Laft wendefday of may  
 next or act aney thing there as they Shall think proper

Here of faile not & make Due return of this warrant with your Doings there on to to Som one of us at or before s<sup>d</sup> Day

Given under our hands and Seale this Twenty forth Day of april 1782

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburg
oliver Stickne	
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball	

[224] Worcester fs may the 14 1782

by Virtue of this warrant I have Warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the Time and place within mentned—

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Conftabl

at a Legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburg afsembled may the 16 1782 . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Cap<sup>t</sup> Thos Cowdin to Serve & Represent the Town of Fitchburgh in the Grate & Generall Coart & the said Cap<sup>t</sup> Thos Cowdin herby orderd to attend the the Grate & General Coart to be held on the Laft wensday of this Instant may— & then the Town meetng was Difolvd

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburg
oliver Stickne	
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball	

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

The Town of Fitchburgh voted the Refolves of the Late Convention held at Worcester april & may 16<sup>th</sup> 1782 be the Representetive Instructions & the s<sup>d</sup> Representetive Govern himSelf acordingly

(Seale) Worcester fs To Phinahas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> one of the Cunftabels for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

These are in the name of the Goverment and People of the Commonwealth of the Mafsechufeets Bay to will and require you to notify and warne all the freeholders and other inhabitence of the Town of Fitchburgh, qualify'd by Law to afsemble and meet at the Meeting house on

thursday the Sixteenth day of May next at three O Clock in the afternoon then and thair to act on the following articals—

1<sup>ly</sup> To Chuse a moderator to Govarn s<sup>d</sup> meeting—

2<sup>ly</sup> To See what the Town will Do Concerning Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibsons note he gave Abraham Willard for fifty Busshels of Rye or act any thing there on as they shall think proper—

[225] 3<sup>ly</sup> To see whether the Town will except of the persons names put into the jury Boxes for jury men or act any thing thair on as they shall think proper—

4<sup>ly</sup> To Take into Consideration what method the Town will think best to Come into to pay thair Corn nots Given to the soldirs now in the posefion of other persons or act any thing there on as they shall think proper—

5<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will appoint Som person to give Security in the Towns behalf for Debts which Can not be now settled by the Treasurer or act any thing thair as they shall think proper—

6<sup>ly</sup> To approve or Difaprove of the old Committee to hire soldires or act any thing their on as they shall think proper—

Hear off fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings there on to some one of us at or before the day above mentioned Given under our hands and seels this 26 Day of april A D 1782.

Worcester fs May 14<sup>th</sup> 1782

by Virtue of the above Warrent I have warn'd the free holders and other inhabotence of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and place above mention'd

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Cunftabl

Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	{	Select Men
Olaver Stickney		for
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball		Fitchburgh

[226] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of Town of Fitchburgh Afembled May the 16 1782 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge modera-  
tor . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> after hering Capt<sup>t</sup> Ruben Gibson Request and the Debates there on Confering a note the s<sup>d</sup> Capt Ruben Gibson Gave to Abraham Willard for 50 bufhels of Rye then the Town Voted that they Would not pay the s<sup>d</sup> note nor now parte of s<sup>d</sup> note Given for the 50 bufhels of Rye—

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to axcept of the Lift of Juremen but orderd a new Lift to be made out by the Select men

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pass over the 4 artcle in the Warrant

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town Treasurer Give notes of hand in behalf of the Town upon Intrest for Dets Due & to perfons that have Got the Towns notes in their hand not upon Intrest . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted and Dismist the Committe that was Chose to hier Coantinantell Solders

This Town meeting Difolvd

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs To m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Jur<sup>r</sup> one of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

you are herby Requird in the name of the Goverment and people of the Common welth of the mafsechufets Bay to notify and warne all the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to assemble & meet at the meeting house on fryday the 23 Day of this Instant august at 2 O Clock in the after noon then & their being Duely meet & formd to act on the following artcles . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuese a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> To See what method the Town will take in Respect or or Regard of the Towns being Sud by James Danforth for a note the Select meen gave s<sup>d</sup> Danforth for a number of Bu fhels of Corn or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

[227] 3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will take aney noties of the Siculer leters Sent to the Town by the Generall Coart or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Give the Colectors or Cunftable aney further orders Respecting the Remaindor of the moneys that Remains in their hands or Give the Town

Treasurer aney further orders as to Collecting the Remander of the money that is Stil un Collected . . . . .

Here of fale not and make Return of this warent to Som one of us the Subscribers at or before the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands & Seale this Eighth Day of august and in the Seventh year of our Independanc  
A D 1782

Thos Cowdin	{	Select meen
oliver Stickne		for
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball		Fitchburg

Worcester fs august the 19 1782

by vartue of this warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to asemble and meet at the time and place and for the purposes within mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh assembled august the 23 1782 . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr Phinehas Hartwell moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted that those persons that are indeted to the Colectors may pay their taxes In befe to Defray the Corn note Given to James Danforth (or other neet Catle)

3<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Select men notify mr Eph<sup>m</sup> farebanks the Reason that the Town hath not ased the Tax which he the s<sup>d</sup> farebank was Desird to Collect by Signing a Leter Seting forth the Reason of the Delay . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> voted that their be Given to the Collectors one weke from this Day to Collect money or Catle to Defray the Towns Debts: then if those persons will not make payment—then the Colectors or Cunstables are orderd to make Distrefs with out Delay

This Town meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[228] (Seal) Worcester fs.

To Mr Phinehas Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> one of the Constables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting—In the name of the



Commonwealth of Massachusetts You are hereby order'd in due Courfe of Law to Notify & warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualified by law to Vote in Town Meetings to Afsemble & meet at the Meeting houfe in s<sup>d</sup> Town on Monday the Sixteenth Day of this Instant September at one O'Clock in the Afternoon then & there being duly met & form'd to Act on the following Articles—Viz—

1<sup>st</sup> To Chooſe a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>dly</sup> To See What method the Town Will take to Support the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Payſon the year enſuing or vote any thing referring thereto as they Shall think proper—

3<sup>dly</sup> To ſee what method the Town will take to ſupport the Poor or Vote any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

4<sup>thly</sup> To ſee what method the Town will take to provide Schools or Vote any referring thereto as they ſhall think proper—

5<sup>thly</sup> To ſee what Sum or Sums of Money the town will raiſe to defray Town Charges or Vote any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper

6<sup>thly</sup> To ſee if the Town will allow ſuch accounts as ſhall be laid before them for ſervices done for s<sup>d</sup> town

7<sup>thly</sup> To ſee what method the town will take to Supply th Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Payſon oth Wood or Vote any thing thereon as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make return of this Warrant to ſome one of Us at or before the Day above mentioned Given Under our hands & Seal this Second Day of September A D: 1782— & in the Seventh Year of the Independance of America

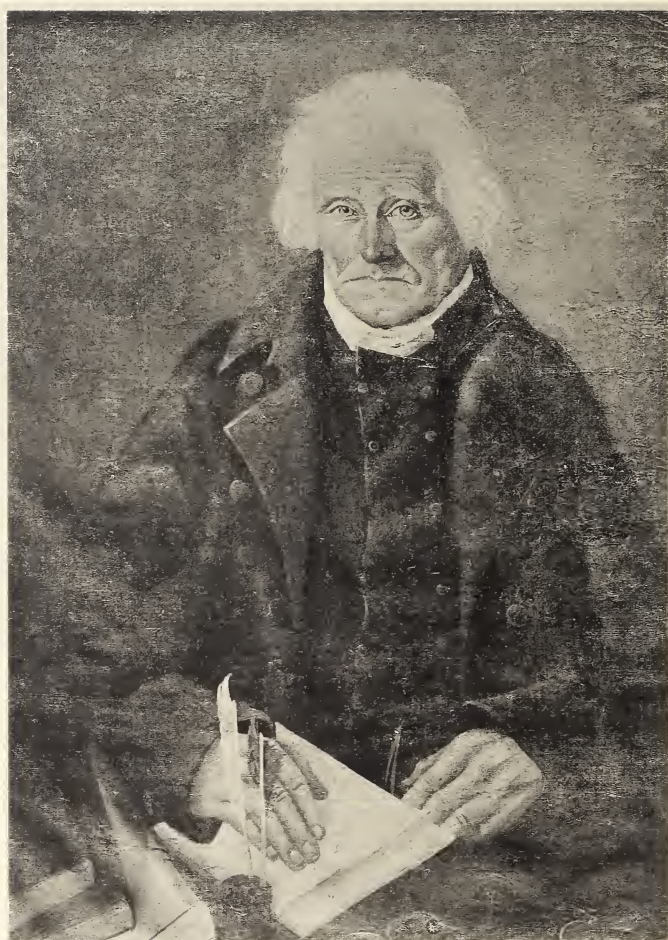
Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin	}	Selectmen for Fitchburgh
Oliver Stikney		
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball		

Worceſter ſs September 9<sup>th</sup> 1782

By Virtue of this Warrant I have warn'd all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to aſſemble and meet at the time & Place & for the Purpoſes within mentioned

P. Sawyer Jun<sup>r</sup> Conſtable





Joseph Foxe

[229] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the  
Town of Fitchburg assembled September the 16—1782—  
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup>—Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup>—Voted to Raise One Hundred Pounds in silver  
Money or Produe as it was raised last Year to pay the  
Rev<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Payson his Sallery . . . . . £100,, —,—

3<sup>d</sup>—Voted—to Raise £12 to pay Tho<sup>s</sup> Starns  
to support M<sup>rs</sup> Hart one whole Year  
& so in proportion . . . . . 12,, —,—

4<sup>ly</sup>—Voted—to Raise—Sixty pounds to provide  
Schools . . . . . 60,, —,—

5<sup>ly</sup>—Voted—to have Six Men for School Com-  
mitte—

6<sup>ly</sup>—Voted—& Chose Joseph Fox Esq<sup>r</sup>—M<sup>r</sup>  
Thomas Stearns—M<sup>r</sup> David McIntire  
M<sup>r</sup> Eben<sup>r</sup> Bridge—M<sup>r</sup> David Parce and  
M<sup>r</sup> John Putnam for s<sup>d</sup> Committee—

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted each Quarter of the Town have thier  
proportion of the school Money and  
lay s<sup>d</sup> money out as the Committe fhall  
think Proper for the benifit of the  
school—

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to Raise any Money on the 5<sup>th</sup>  
Article in the Warrent—

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted and allowd Daniel farwell his a Count £6 8  
Voted to allow—Tho<sup>s</sup> Hartwell his Acco<sup>t</sup> 3,,15,—  
Voted & allowd—Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup> Burbanks

Acco<sup>t</sup> . . . . . ,,16,,2

Voted & allowd—David M<sup>c</sup> Intires Acco<sup>t</sup> . 2,,14,—

Voted & allowd—Kindal Boutells Acco<sup>t</sup> . ,, 6,—

Voted & allowd— D<sup>o</sup> ——— d<sup>o</sup> . . ,, 7,—

Voted & allowd—Joseph Downs Acco<sup>t</sup> . . ,, 8,—

Voted & allowd—Sam<sup>l</sup> Harris d<sup>o</sup> . . . ,, 4,—

Voted & allow'd—Jacob Fullams d<sup>o</sup> . . . ,, 4,—

Voted & allowd—John Osborns d<sup>o</sup> . . . ,, 8,—

Voted & allowd—Jefse Frenchs d<sup>o</sup> . . . ,, 7,—

Voted & allowd—Hez<sup>k</sup> Hodgkins d<sup>o</sup> . . . 1,, 4,,6

Voted & allow'd—David Goodells d<sup>o</sup> . . . ,,16,,6

Voted & allow'd—Jn<sup>o</sup> Farwells d<sup>o</sup> . . . ,, 8,,4

Voted & allowd—Jn <sup>o</sup> Carters	d <sup>o</sup> . . .	„ 6,,—
Voted & allowd—Tho <sup>s</sup> Cowdin Jun <sup>r</sup>	d <sup>o</sup> . .	„ 4,,—
Voted & allowd—Joseph & Eleaz <sup>r</sup> Bald-		
wins Acco <sup>t</sup> . . . . .		„ 8,,—
Voted & allowd—D. S. Locke	D <sup>o</sup> . . . . .	„ 10,,4
Voted & allowd—Thomas Cowdins	d <sup>o</sup> . .	3,, 8,,4

Carr<sup>d</sup> forward—

[230] Bro <sup>t</sup> forward . . . . .	£	„ „
Voted and Allow'd Tho <sup>s</sup> Stearns Acco <sup>t</sup> . .		„ 2,,—
Voted & allowd—James Pools	d <sup>o</sup> . . . . .	„ 3,,—
Voted & allowd—Oliver Stickney . . . . .		„ 4,,—
Voted & allowd—Dan <sup>l</sup> Harris . . . . .		„ 4,,—
Voted & allowd—Deacon Thirston an Acco <sup>t</sup>		
due to Abijah Page for Boarding Sewil		
Harrington . . . . .		2,, 2,,8
Voted & Allowd—Elijah Garfields Acco <sup>t</sup> .		1,, 6,,8
Voted & Allowd—W <sup>m</sup> Danforths—	d <sup>o</sup> .	„ 2,,—
10 <sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow Cap <sup>t</sup> Jon <sup>a</sup> Wood for pro-		
viding Thirty Chords Good Wood & de-		
liver the same At the Rev <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Paysons		
Dwelling House . . . . .		8,, —,,—
This Town Meeting Disolved—		

Dan<sup>l</sup>. Putnam ModeratorTho<sup>s</sup>. Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> one  
of The Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Goverment & People of this Com-  
mon welth you are herby Requird to notify and warn all  
the free holders & other Inhabitents of the Town of  
Fitchburgh qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to  
asemble and meet at the meetinghouse in s<sup>d</sup> Town on  
thurfday the twenty fixth Day of this Instant December  
at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely  
met and formd to act on the folowing arteles that is . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuefe a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will take Respecting  
the forth Clafs that was Deficant in hiring a Contnantel  
Solder & as the Grate and Generall Coart hath Relin-



quished the fine as will apeare by their Resolvs of october 7 1782 or act aney thing Refering to Either of the foure Clases as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will pay mr Samuel Herrick Six Dolars for his Expences. for Stopping three Rits which was Drawn a Gainst the Town for what was his Due from the Town upon James Danforth<sup>s</sup> note & other Ritings s<sup>d</sup> Herrick had a gainst f<sup>d</sup> town which the Select men promist to pay—provided f<sup>d</sup> Herrick would Stope s<sup>d</sup> Sute

[231] 4<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will take Respecting mr Jonas Kindall being over tax or vote any thing there on as they Shall think think proper . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Chuese wardens a Cording to the late act of the Generall Coarts—or vote aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Time above mentnid— Given under our hands & Seale this tenth Day of December A D 1782 and in the seventh year of the Independanc of america

Thos Cowdin	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Oliver Stickney	
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball	

Worcester fs December the 19 1782 . . .

by Vartue of this warrant I have warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh to assemble & meet at the Time and Place within mentned  
Phinehas Sawyer J<sup>ur</sup> Cunfable

at a legall meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh asembled December the 26 1782

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr Daniel Putnam moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to pasß over the third artcle in the warrant for y<sup>e</sup> present

3<sup>d</sup> Voted to pasß over fourth Article for the present

4<sup>th</sup> Voted that the Afsefsors go & view Mr Jonas Kindalls land and improvments that lies in the Town of

Fitchburgh & make such alterations as they shall think proper in the Valuation in order to see that s<sup>d</sup> Kindall Hath Justice done him as to his Taxes

5<sup>th</sup> Voted and Chose M<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Brown & Lieut<sup>t</sup> Kindall Bowtwell Wardens

6<sup>th</sup> Voted and adjourn'd this meeting 'till the second day of January 1783 at one O'Clock P. M. . . .

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

[232] 1783

January 2<sup>d</sup> The Town met according to their adjournment and open'd the meeting and proceeded to act on the other Articles not acted upon mentioned in the Warrant

7<sup>th</sup> Voted that M<sup>r</sup> Joseph Phelps return the list given to him to Collect a fine laid on the fourth Clafs for not procuring their Soldier as order'd by the General Court to serve for 3 years in the Continental Army . . . .

8<sup>th</sup> Voted to raise one hundred & Eighty Six Pounds Six Shillings to be Assessed upon the Inhabitants of s<sup>d</sup> Town in order to pay the 3 men rais'd to Serve in the Continental Army for 3 years being the last demand the General Court made for men on s<sup>d</sup> Town

9<sup>th</sup> voted that Each person that hath paid his money tow ward hiring the last three years men be allow'd to Draw back what is over & above their proportion — — this voted and accepted by the Town —

10 voted and ordred that the assessors make the Tax to pay the last three years men with out Delay & that the Tax be made Seperate from aney other Tax

11<sup>th</sup> voted not to pay m<sup>r</sup> Samuel Herrick aney Cost for Stopping the three writs mentioned in the Warrant

The Town meeting Disolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Town Clerk

Janeuary 6<sup>th</sup> 1783 we the Select men of the Town of Fitchburgh having taken into our Sereas Consideration the ftate and circumstanfes of Luke oldridge and his wife and Children, namely luke and lyda and Joseph and Sarah who

Came from leominster last who are under poore fir-  
 stanfes that we Cant admitt of their being inhabitents  
 which we Caused to be warnd out

Fitchburgh Janeuery 7<sup>th</sup> 1783

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin } Select men  
 Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball } for Fitchburgh

[233] (Seale) Worcester fs To mr Phinehas Sawyer  
 Ju<sup>r</sup> one of the Cunstable for the Town of Fitchburgh  
 Greeting . . . . .

These are in the name of the Common welth of the  
 mafsachufetts bay to will and Require you forthwith to  
 notify and warne the free holders & other inhabitents of  
 the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by Law to Vote in Town  
 meetings to afsemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup>  
 Fitchburgh on monday the third Day of march next att  
 nine o Clock in the foure noon then and their being Duely  
 meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles that is

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chufe a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to Chufe Select meen and other Town oficers for  
 the year Infuing as the law Directs . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to axcept of aney Town Roads or high ways that  
 have bin Laid out by the Select men or their order . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to See what Sum or Sumes of money the Town  
 will raife to Keep the high ways in Repare and See what  
 method it Shall be workt out the year infuing or act aney  
 thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to See who will take mrs Hart and Suport her  
 the year Infuing and for what fum of money . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will abate aney perfons Rates  
 on aney list Committed to aney Cunstable or Colector  
 or aney part there of . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will permit the Swine to Go  
 at large the the year infuing under the Regelations of the  
 law . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will allow aney a Counts that  
 Shall be laid before them for Servis for s<sup>d</sup> town . . . .

Here of faile not and make Due Return of this war-  
 rant with your Dowings there on to Sume one of us at or

before s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands and Seale this  
Eleventh Day of Febuery A D 1783

oliver Stickne	{	Select men for Fitchburg
Eph <sup>m</sup> Kimball		

Worcester fs Febuery the 24 1783—by Virtue of this  
warrant I have warnd all the free holders & other Inhabi-  
tents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time and  
place and for the purposes within mentned

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Cunstable

[234] at a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the  
Town of Fitchburgh afsembled march the 3 1783

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Decon David Goodridge modera-  
tor . . . . . moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Chuse three Select men for the year  
Insuing

3<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr oliver Stickne & Thomas  
Stearns & John Thurfton . . . . . Select men

4<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Select men be the affesors the year  
Insuing . . . . . affesors

5<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Thos Cowdin Town Clerk and  
Town Treasurer . . . . . Town Clerk & Town Treasurer

6<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr Abel Baldwine Cunstable for  
the South Side of the Town . . . . . Cunstable  
and axepted of Capt Samuel Burbank in abel Baldwines  
Rume . . . . . Capt Burbant in his Rume

7<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr David macentier Cunstable for  
the north Side and upon an ajurnment voted and acpted  
of Capt Thos Hartwell to Serve Cunstable in David  
maccenters Rume for the north Side of the Town . . Cun-  
stable for the north Side

8<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr William Brown & mr Kindall  
Boutall wardens for the s<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . . Wardens

9<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Thos Cowdin Jur and mr Joseph  
Wheler Tithenmen . . . . . Tithen men

10<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose mr Hezekiah Hodgkins and afa  
Perrey and Thos Cowdin Ju<sup>r</sup> and mr Jacob upton and

mr Ruben Smith and William Grimes and Mr James Poole  
and mr Abraham Jaquith and oliver Brown Survaers of  
high ways . . . . . Survaers of high ways

11<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose David Whitne and Samuel Darby  
and Elijah Phelps hog Reves . . . . . hog Reves

12<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Jofhua Parce and Samuel Downe  
fiere wards . . . . . fier wards

13<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Daniel Putnam Survaer of Cla-  
bords & Shingels . . . Survaer of Clabords & Shingels

[235] 14<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Capt Jonathan Wood  
Survare of hups and Staves . . . . . hups & Staves

15<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose David Parce Sealer of Waits and  
mefhers . . . . . waits & mefhers

16<sup>ly</sup> voted Afa Perr and Jofhue Parce fense vuers . .  
fens vuers

17<sup>ly</sup> voted Raise one hundred pounds to mend and  
keep in Repare the high ways and bridges the year Infu-  
ing . . . . . £100 —

and that those that Did not work out their high way  
tax last years Deficiency aded ot the present years high  
way tax or pay in money what is be hind or Remains  
Due, and the list is to be Ruturnd by the high way Se-  
vares with the Credit on s<sup>d</sup> list of Each person by the 20  
Day of october next . . . . .

and that the high way tax Shall be workt out as it  
was in the year 1774 . . . . . £14-14-0

18<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Town pay Liut Kindall Boutall  
forty nine Dolars to Suport mrs Hart one whole year and  
so in proportion if fhe fhould not live the year out . . 49  
Dolars

19<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Swine Run at large being under  
the Regulation of the law the year Infuing . . . . .

20<sup>ly</sup> voted and alowd Phineas Sawyer Jun his a Count  
which is . . . . . 0-19-4

voted and alowd Samuel Davis a Count . . . 1- 4-0

voted and alowd Eph<sup>m</sup> Kimball his a Count . 3-16-0

voted and alowd oliver Stickney his a Count . 3-12-0

voted and alowd John Thurfton his a Count . 3- 8-0

voted and alowd Decon Goodridge his a Count 3 11 0

voted and alowd James Poole his a Count . . 1 00 0



21<sup>ly</sup> voted and axcepted of a Road laid out for noah wizwell land til it Coms to the County Rode and axcepted by the Town if the land is Given by those perfons that own the land namely mr Nathaniel Wrights . . .

and Thos Cowdins land til the two Rod Rode Striks the County Rode and the trees markt on the Easterdly fide of said Road . . . .

then the Town Came to a vote and a jurnd the Town meeting til the 17 of this Instant march

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

the Remainder of the Town meeting you will find in page 237 for want of Rum

[236] (Seal) Worcester Is To mr Samuel Burbank one of the Cunftables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth of the mafsachufets bay you are herby requierd to notify in Due Corse of Law agreable to the Constitution the free holders & other Inhabitents Qualified by the Constitution to vote for the officers hereafter mentned to afsemble & meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on the first monday in april next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd . . . .

firstly to vote for a Governer

2<sup>ly</sup> for a Liu<sup>t</sup> Governer

3<sup>ly</sup> for five Senoters

and forthly to Chuse a Committe to Setle with the Town Treasurer . . . Here of faile not and make Return of this Warrant to Some one of us with your Dowings there on at or before the s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands & Seale this Eighteenth Day of march A D 1783 . . .

oliver Stickne { Select men  
Thos Stearns { for  
Fitchburg

Worcester Is In obediance to the Within Warrant I have notifyd & warnd the free holders and other Inhabi-

tents of the Town of Fitchburgh to meet at the time & place agreeable to the Within Warrant . . .

Fitchburgh april 7 1783

Samuel Burbank Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town o Fitchburgh afembled april the Seventh 1783

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

firstly voted and Chose his Exelency John Handcock Governer by the number of votes therty seven . . 37

voted and Chose his honer Tho<sup>s</sup> Cushen Liut

Govrner the nnumber of votees . . . . . 31

and one vote for the honarable James Bod-

wine Esq . . . . . 1 vote

and for five Senetors—that is the Hon<sup>l</sup> moles

Gill Esq . . . . . 9

for the Hor Samuel Baker Esq . . . . . 9

for the Hon<sup>l</sup> Ifreal Nichols Esq . . . . . 9

for mr Will Page hardwick . . . . . 9

for Samuel Curtic Esq . . . . . 9

[237] then proced a Cording to the warrant and Chose Joseph Fox Esq and mr Phinehas Hartwell to be a Committe to Setle with the Town Treasurer then Defolvd the Town meeting

oliver Stickne moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

march 17<sup>th</sup> 1783 the Town meet a Cording to their ajurnment and profeded to y<sup>e</sup> bifnes of the Day

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

22<sup>ly</sup> voted and Dismift Daniel Putnam from his being Chose one of the Select men and an affesor . . . .

23<sup>ly</sup> voted and axcepted of Capt Samuel Burbank to Serve Cunstable and Collector in mr Abel Baldwines Rume

then the Town voted and ajurnd the Town meeting til the first monday in april at 2 o Clock in the after noon—

Thos Cowdin Town Clark

april the 7 1783 the Town meet acording to their ajurnment and opend the meeting and proceded to the bifnes of the Day

24<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Samuel Herrick Cunstable for the north Side of the town which was afterwards Dismist by the town by Reason of mr David makentier hiring Capt Thos Hartwell to serve in his Rume . . . .

then the Town adjourned the Town meeting til the 16 Day of may at 2 o Clock in the after noon.

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

May 16 1783 the Town meet according to their adjournment and proceeded to the business of the Day . . .

25<sup>ly</sup> voted and accepted of Capt Thos Hartwell to Serve Cunstable and Collector for the north Side of the Town in the Rume of David macentier which was Dismist by his hiring the afore said Thos Hartwell in his Rume which was Sworn into the office of Cunstable & Colector for the year Insuing—then the meeting was Dissolved

David Goodridge moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

[238] (SI) Worcester vs To Capt Samuel Burbank one of Cunstables for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

In the name of the Common welth you are Required forth with in Due Course of law to notify and warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh Qualifyd by the Constitution to vote for a Representative to a Ssemble and meet at the meeting house on fryday the Sixteenth Day of may next at one o Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formed to Chuse Som meet person if they think fit to Represent them in the Grate and Generall Court the year Insuing

Then to proceed according to some other matters which are hereafter mentned in <sup>rd</sup> warrant Relating to other town matter

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chuse a moderator Regulate the last Claws of the warrant

2<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will provide stocks and Scales and waits for the youse of the Town

3<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the Town will Do in Respect

to their being Sud by Benjiman Larranc or act aney thing  
Refering ther to as they fhall think proper—

4<sup>ly</sup> to see what the Town will Do Respecting the  
poore

Here of fale not and make Return of this warrant  
with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or  
before the Day above mentnd given under our hands and  
Seale This 28 Day of april 1783

oliver Stickne	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thos Stearns	
John Thurfton	

Worcester fs may the 16 1783

In obediance to the within warrant I have notifyd and  
warnd all the free holders and other Inhabitents to asem-  
ble and meet at the time and place mentined in the war-  
rant

Samuel Burbank Cunstable

at a legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of  
Fitchburgh assembled may the 16 1783

[239] Then after the warrants being Red the Town  
being ast the question whether they would send a Repre-  
sentative the year Infuing it was voted that they would  
Send . . . . .

and a Cordingly proceded to a Choyse—

and brot in their votes and made Choyse of Capt  
Thos Cowdin to Reprefent the s<sup>d</sup> Town in the Grate and  
General Coart the year Infuing . . . and also voted to  
Give their Representativ their Instruitions and then Disolvd  
the meeting

Thos Cowdin Towin Clerk

Then proceded to act on the other artcles mentned in  
the warrant

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chofe Daniel Putnam moderator . moder-  
ator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Town are provided with a Good  
Beame and a Set of Good Seeld waits . . . Seald waits

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to provide a Seet of good Stoks and voted that the Stoks be let out lowest bider

4<sup>ly</sup> and a Cording ly they ware let out to Capt Thos Cowdin the wood work only for 6/

5<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose a Committe to Defend the Law Sute betwene the Town and Benjiman Larranc

6<sup>ly</sup> Chose mr Elijah Gafield & Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> be a Committee to a pear and Defend the Town a Gainst s<sup>d</sup> laranc to final Judgment and Execution and the s<sup>d</sup> Committe are herb impowerd to proced in the law to as far as they Shall think proper for the Towns Intrest

This meeting Difolvd

Daniel Putnam moderator

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

\* A Two Rod Road

Fitchburgh March the 1 1783

The Selectmen apointed us a Committy to lay out a Road for the Conveanancy of us whose Names are under ritten and we have laid it out in the following manner. Beginning at the South Part of M<sup>r</sup> Farwell and M<sup>r</sup> Page and running North, Betwene them till it comes to Land of Doc<sup>t</sup> Martin Herrick, thence Nor west Acroft a corner of s<sup>d</sup> Herricks Land, and the bounds are trees marked on the North East Side of the Road, and then running Acroft Benjamin Herreks Land Westterly, till it comes to Land of Joseph Venens and trees Marked on the North Side thence Running north by Land of Said Benjamans upon Land of s<sup>d</sup> Venens till it Comes to Land of Eph<sup>m</sup> Howards runing still by Benjamin Herricks Land and on Eph<sup>m</sup> Howard, till it comes to Land of Elijah Willards thence Running a Croft s<sup>d</sup> Elijah's Land till it Comes to Land of Daniel Willards; the Road marked on East Side, then running North acroft Daniel Willard land to Ashby line, and the Marks on the East Side of the way the road

Turn Over

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\* First location road now known as Ashby West Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]



[240] two Rods wide which we offer for the Towns Exceptence. Excepted thif Road if the Land be Given for the youse of the Inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> Town

{ Joseph Vennen  
 { Simeon Chattuck  
 { Daniel Willard  
 { Ephraim Howard  
 { Benjamin Herrick  
 { Elijah Willard  
 Committe apoynted  
 by the Select<sup>m</sup>en

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(Seale) Worcester fs to Thomas Hartwell one of the Cunstablers for the Town of Fitchburgh Greeting

in the name of the Common welth of the mafsechufets you are herby orderd in Due Corfe of law to notify and warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburgh qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to afsemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on tuesday the Sixteenth Day of September next 1783 at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing artcles that is

1<sup>ly</sup> Chufe a moderator to Govern said meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See what Sum of money the Town will Raise for the Revrant mr Paysons Salery for the present year or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See what Sum of money the Town will Raise to Suport a Scoole or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to Raise money to Suport mrs Hart . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will take to Git wood for mr Payson the year Infuing . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will allow Such a Counts as Shall be laid before them for Servfes Dun for s<sup>d</sup> Town

7<sup>ly</sup> to See what the Town will do Respecting the Scool land Sold by Lunenburgh or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will abate any persons Rates in any list or lifts in any Cunstable or Colectors hands or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will aprove or Dif aprove of a Road from mr William Grimes to mr Jacob Gibsons and turning from s<sup>d</sup> Gibsons to perleys land or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper . . . . .

[241] 10<sup>ly</sup> to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raife to Defray Town Charges or act aney thing Thereon as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings ther one to Some one of us at or before the s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands and Seale at Fitchburgh the 1 Day of September A D 1783 . . . . .

oliver Stickne	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thos Stearns	
John Thurston	

Worcester fs September the 15 1783

In obediance to the within warrant I have Notifyd the Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town qualifyd by law to act in Town meetings to meet at time and place

Thomas Hartwell Cunstable

at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the Town of Fitchburh assembled September the 16 1783

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife Sixty Six pounds thirteen Shilings & foure pence to pay the Revrant mr John Paysons Salery the Present year . . . . . £66-13-4

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife forty pounds to Support a Scoole the year Infuing . . . . . 40-0-0

4<sup>ly</sup> voted that Each quarter of the Town Draw their proportan or part of the Scool money—and that no quarter of the Town be intitled to aney part of the Scool money til they have Expended their part by laying s<sup>d</sup> money out in Scooling their Children . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Joseph fox Esq. Liu<sup>t</sup> Paul Wetherby & Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> & amos Ordway & afa Perrey & Ruben Gibson Ju<sup>n</sup> be a Committe to provide a Scool marfter or marfters . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife forty nine Dolars to Suport mrs hart one whole year & so in proportion for a lefs tarme . . . . . £14-14-0

[242] 7<sup>ly</sup> voted that mr Paysons wood be Sot up at a vandue and and that the lowest bider provide the wood and Deliver thirty Coards of Good Wood at the Dower of the Revrant mr Paysons house for the year Infuing . . . . .

8 <sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Ifaac Holden his a Count and others . . . . .	6/6
voted to alow Afeph Goodridge his a Count . .	9/
voted to alow William Brown his a Count . .	1 10-0
voted to alow oliver Stickne his a Count . . .	0- 2-0
voted to alow Phinehas Sawyer Jur his a Count	0-14-0
voted to alow Thomas Stearns his a Count . .	0-13-7
voted to alow Thomas Stearns a nother a Count	0- 9-0
voted to alow Jofhua Parc his a Count . . . .	2- 4-0
voted to alow William Brown a nother a Count	1- 8-0
voted to alow Elijah Gafield his a Count . . .	5- 3-6
voted to alow William Tidmafz his a Count . .	1- 1-4
voted to alow Phinehas Hartwell his a Count .	0-16-0
voted to alow Cap <sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood his a Count	1- 1-0
voted to alow Thomas Cowdin his a Count . .	6 15-0
voted to alow Joseph fox Esq his a Count . . .	0 13-6
voted to alow John Thurften his a Count . . .	0 16-0

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9<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Thomas Cowdin and Phinehas Hartwell to be a Committe to Sarch the Records in the proprietors book Respecting the Scool lands-& and also the Records in the Town Book of Lunenburge and take a tested Coppes of the Records - to now what purpos those lands was Granted for and to See if the Town of Fitchburgh had aney Right to those Lands or land and also the faid Committe are impowerd to Setle with Lunenburgh or to profecute to final Judgment

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate John Whelers Rates in Daniel farwills lists which is for the year 1780 whis is . 2-18 3 <sup>hard</sup> money  
 also to a bate William Eatons tax which is 1-18-8  
 also to a bate Robert Hills tax which is . 0 11-6

also to a bate Silos Browns which is . . . 0- 7 5 0

also to abate William Stewards tax in Phine-

has Sawyer Lift which is . . . . . 1-11-6

then a motion was made & Seconded to a Jurn the meeting til the third Tuesday of october next & the Town meeting was aJurnd a Cordingly . . . . .

Thos Cowdin T Clerk

[243] october the 21 1783 The Town meet aCording to f<sup>d</sup> ajurnment and the Town Clerk being absnt a motion was made and Seconded to ajurn f<sup>d</sup> Town meeting Tuesday the 28 Day of this Instant october at one oClock in the after noon at this place . . . The meeting is ajurnd a Cordingly . . . . .

oliver Stickne	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	

October the 21 1783 the Town meet a Cording to their a Jurnment and opend the meeting and proceded to the work of the Day . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> voted to a bate John uptons taxes in Phinehas Hartwells list which is . . . . . 1- 8-9

voted and a bated Nahum Darbyes tax which is 1-18-8

voted and a bated Daniel Darbys tax which is . 1-18-8

12<sup>ly</sup> voted to Rafe thirty pounds to Defray Town Charges . . . . . 30-0-0

13<sup>ly</sup> voted to pay Nehemiah fuller five pounds Seven-teen Shilings to provide thirty Coards of Good wood and Deliver the wood at mr John Paysons Dwilling House the wood is to be to the Exceptance of the Revrant mr John Payson . . . . . 5-17-0

Fitchburgh Septembr the 16 1783 then Rcend with the Town Treafurer

14<sup>ly</sup> voted and Excepted of the Town Treafurers a Counts as they stand by the Towns Committe we find Due in Jonathan Holts hands Cunstable for the year 1778 . . . . . £5-13-6-3

we find in James Paterfons hands Cunstable for the yeare 1779 hard money . . . . . 1 12-2-1

In Phinhas Hartwells Cunstable for the year 1780	
Town Tax hard money . . . . .	46-13- 6 -
In Phinehas Hartwells hands minifter Tax for the year 1780 . . . . .	20-15- 8-3
In Daniel farwells hands Cunstable for the year 1780	
Town Tax . . . . .	68-18- 1-3
In Capt Rubin Gibsons hands Colector for the year 1781 Town tax . . . . .	169-13- 4 -
we also find in f <sup>d</sup> Gibsons minister Tax for 1781 . . . . .	34- 9- 5-2
In Capt Samuel Burbanks Collector for the year 1781	
Town Tax . . . . .	36-12- 7-3
we also find in f <sup>d</sup> Burbanks hands minifter tax for the year 1781 . . . . .	11- 1- 7 -
In Capt Samuel Burbanks Colector for the year 1782	
Town Tax . . . . .	36-15- 5 -
we also find in f <sup>d</sup> Burbanks hands minifter tax 1782 . . . . .	50-15- 6 -
In Joseph Phelps hands Colector for the year Town tax 1782 . . . . .	35- 4- 9 -
we also find in f <sup>d</sup> Phelpes hands minifter tax for 1782 . . . . .	49- 4- 6 -
[244] In Capt Samuel Burbanks hands Colector for the year 1782 Soldiers tax . . . . .	£90-16- 0-2
In Joseph Phelpes hands Colector for the year 1782 Soldiers tax . . . . .	89-19-11-3
we find in the Treasurers hand a State Receipt which Phinehas Hartwell is a Countable for to the Town Dated april 28-1781 & is due on f <sup>d</sup> Receipt in hard moneys . . . . .	51-14- 1 -
we find one note against Capt Ruben Gibson in hard money . . . . .	3-12- 0
we find one note against Capt Samuel Burbank in hard money . . . . .	3-12- 0
we find one State Treasurers Recepte the Towns property a gainst Capt Samuel Burbant Dated June 13 <sup>th</sup> 1782 . . . . .	125-14- 8
we find one States Treasurers Recept the Towns property against Capt Ruben Gibson Dated June 14 1782 . . . . .	32-18- 6



we find a note find by francis Fullam Dated December the 31 1772 for . . . . . 2:20- 3

We also find that the Treafurer hath paid over and above what he thath Recevd which he is to be allowd for . . . . . 80=16=8

we find a note a Gainst Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Burbank Dated march 17<sup>th</sup> 1782 for . . . . . 3-12- 0

we find a note a Gainst Capt Thos Hartwell Dated may 16 1783 for . . . . . 3-12- 0

Phinehas Hartwell	} Commit <sup>tee</sup> a pointed to Setle with the Treasur
Joseph Fox	
Thomas Stearns	
John Thurston	

The Town meeting Difolvd

Phinehas Sawyer Jur moderator

Thomas Cowdin Town Clerk

[245] (Seale) Worcester fs To Thomas Hartwell Cuntable for the town of Fitchburgh—Greeting—in the name of the Common Wealth of the mafsachusetts you are herby required in Due Coarse of law to notify & warne all the free holders and other Inhabitents of s<sup>d</sup> Town qualifyd to vote in town meetings to afemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> Town on monday the fifth Day of Janeuery next at one O Clock in the after noon then and their being Duely meet and formd to act on the folowing articles . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Choose a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will take to Raise the firft the firft moyety of the Continatel Tax that hath bin omitted by the s<sup>d</sup> Town or act aney thing thereon as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will allow Capt Samuel Burbank Six Shiling pr Bufhel for Rye that the Town promis'd for his for Suporting mrs hart for one year or act aney thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Here of faile note and make Returen of this warrant with your Dowing there on to fum one of us at or before

the Day a bove mentned Given under our hands and Seale  
this nineteenth Day of December 1783

oliver Stickney	} Select men for Fitchburgh
Thos Stearns	

Worcester fs Fitchburgh Janeuery 5<sup>th</sup> 1784 in obediance  
to the wart I have notifyd and warnd the Inhabitents of  
s<sup>d</sup> Town qualifyd by law to vote in Town meetings to meet  
at time and place within mentned

Thos Hartwell Cunstable

[246] at a Legal meeting of the Inhabitents of the  
Town of Fitchburgh asembled Janeuery the 5 1784

Thos Cowdin T Clerk

1<sup>ly</sup> voted and Chose Deacon David Goodridge moder-  
ator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted by the Town of Fitchburgh to Raife foure  
hundred and Seventy foure pounds thirteen Shilings and  
foure penc being their proportion of the first moyety of  
the Contenanel tax Granted by the Grate and Generall  
Coart at there Sesion in may 29 1782 . . . £474:13:4

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to alow Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuel Burbank Six Shilings  
pr Bufhel for Rye the Town promised to pay him for Keep-  
ing mrs Hart one whole yeare whis is forty Bufhels of  
Rye . . . . .

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

This meeting Disolvd

David Goodridge moderator  
Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To Thomas Hartwell one of the  
Constabls of the town of Fitchburg in said County . . .  
Greeting . . . . .

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsa-  
chufetts to will & Require you forth with to Notify & warn  
all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of  
Fitchburg Quallified By Law to vote in town meetings to  
Asemble and meat at the meeting Houfe in s<sup>d</sup> town on

Monday the first Day of march Next at Nine O Clock in the morning then & their Being Duly meet & to act on the following articles to wit . . . . .

1<sup>st</sup> to Choose A Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to Choose Selectmen & other town officers for the year Ensuing as the Law Directs or act theiron as they Shall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town accept of any Roads or Highways that have Been Laid out by the Selectmen or their order or act any thing their on as they Shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to See what Sum or Sums of money the town will Raife to keep the Highways in Repair and See in what method the Same Shall be worked out the Ensuing year . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see who will take Mifs Hart & for what Sum of money they will Support Her the year Ensuing

[247] 6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will vote the Swine to go at Large under the Regulation of the Law the year Ensuing . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will allow any accompt for Service Done for Said town

8<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will take up the Seets in the front Garlley & make them into Pews for the use of the Singers or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to See if the Town will Repair the Glafs in the meeting House or not

oliver Stickney	} Select men for Fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	
John Thurston Jur	

Worcester Ss february y<sup>e</sup> 28 1784

In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and worned all the freholders & other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place with in Named

Thomas Hartwell Constable

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of Fitchburg Afsembled March the first 1784

1<sup>st</sup> voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Moderator

2 <sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phinehas	}	Select men & afsefsors
Hartwell firft Select man oliver		
Stickney the second Thomas Starns		
the third . . . . .		
3 <sup>ly</sup> voted that the Selectmen	}	
be the affesors for the year En-		
fuing . . . . .		

4<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phin<sup>e</sup> Hartwell Town Clark . .  
Town Clark

5<sup>ly</sup> votd & Choose Phin<sup>e</sup> Hartwell Town Treafurer . .  
Town Treafurer

6 <sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Dea David Goodridge	}	Constables
Constable for the South Side of the Town		
7 <sup>ly</sup> voted and Choofe Jofep Polley Con-		
stable for the North Side of the Town		

8<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choose Joseph Sawyer & John Goodridge  
to be wardans . . . . . wardains

9<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Afeph Goodridge & David Parce  
tything men . . . . . Tything men

10<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Hezekiah Hodgkins & Cap<sup>t</sup> Sam<sup>l</sup>  
Burbank & Jofeph Sawyer & Jonathan Rufel & Daniel  
Putnum & Thomas Hilton & Lue<sup>t</sup> Kendel Boutell & Jona-  
than flint & Leu<sup>t</sup> Seth Phillips & william Hafkell to be  
Survayours of High ways the year infuing . . . . High  
way Survayrs

11<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Survoys be Directed to work out  
the Highway taxes in the following manner viz to have  
Each perfon on the Spot be allowed four pence for every  
Hour that he faithfully works & thofe Survyours that are  
Called to afsift on the County Road are to allow their  
Hands each perfon Sutable time for their travle to the  
place appontd to work thofe that are taken from their  
own Deftrict . . . . .

Be allow for a yoak of oxen a Hole Day 2/ & for a  
Cart 1/ for a Plough one Shilling & Six pence for a Day

[248] And all Perfons that Dont work out their  
High way Rate shall be obliged to Pay the Remainder to  
the Collector or Collectors in money and the Highway  
Survayours are ordred to Return a Lift of all Deliquant  
perfons to the afsefsors that hant workt out there High

way tax By the first of october next & the afsefsors are Directed to afsefs all Perfons that have not workt out there Highway tax viz what Remains not workt that is the afsefsors are to afsefs what Remains on the Next town tax & that the money be Laid out in mending & Repairing the Highway and Bridges

12<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe for Hog Reeves Jonathan wars & Jacob fullam & John upton & David whitmore . Hog Reeves

13<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Jacob Gibson & Samuel Parce to be fire wards for the year Enfuing . . . . fire wards

14<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe John upton to be a Surveyor of Shingles & Clabords . . Surveors of Shingles & Clabords

15<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan wood to be a survayour of Hoops & Staves . . Survayour of Hoops & Staves

16<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choose David Parce to be a Sealer of weights & meafures . . . . Sealer of weigh & meafures

17<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Afa Perrey & Jacob upton to be fence vewers . . . . . fence vewers

18<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife one Hundred & fifty Pounds to mend the Highways & Bridges the year Enfuing . . .

19<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Selectmen order the Highway Survayors to work on the County Road from the town Line by Jacob uptions & by m<sup>r</sup> Kendall Boutels as much as they Shall think proper

20<sup>ly</sup> voted to pay Daniel Farwell thirty five Dollars to support mis Hart one whole year & so in propotion if She Should not Live the year out . . . . . £10-10-0

the motion was made & Seconded to adjourn & it was voted to adjourn this meeting till the fifteenth Day of this Instant march at one a Clock in the after Noon & the meeting is ajoured accordingly

Thomas Cowden Clark

March y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1784

the Inhabitance of the Town meet according to ajournment and proceded to Bufinefs . . . . .

21<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow oliver Brown his accompt<sup>t</sup> which is . . . . . £1-4-0 pd



and also Allowed Phin<sup>e</sup> Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> his accom<sup>t</sup> which  
is . . . . . 0-12-0 pd

[249] 22<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee & Report  
wheather it is Best for the town to take up any part of  
the frunt Gallary for the use of the Singers and Report to  
the Town . . . . .

23<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Daniel Putnum & oliver Stickney  
& Dea John Thurston

24<sup>ly</sup> voted to Repair the the Glafs in the meeting  
Houfe

25<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Selectmen Repair the Glafs winders  
in the meeting Houfe

26<sup>ly</sup> voted to Excufe De<sup>a</sup> David Goodridge from Serv-  
ing Constable & Collector and that the ten Dollars Shall  
Be in full for him the said David Goodridges turn when  
paid which Sum the Said Dea Goodridge promiffes to pay  
to the town & Give his note for the money . . . . .

27<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Collectors of the town & State  
tax Shall be held to procure Good Bondsmen for the faith-  
full performance of the Duty of Collector . . . . .

28<sup>ly</sup> voted to pay Dea John Thurston forty one Shil-  
ling on each Hundred pound he Shall Collect and So in  
proption for a Greater or Lefsr Sum for Collecting the  
town or County or State or whatflever other tax . . . . .

29<sup>ly</sup> voted and accepted of Dea John Thurston to be  
a Collector for the north Side of the town for y<sup>e</sup> year 1784

30<sup>ly</sup> voted to pay John ferwell forty three Shillings for  
one Hundred pounds to Collect the town & State taxes &  
all other taxes Legually afesefed so in propotion wheather  
Greater or Lefser . . . . .

31<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of John ferwell to Serve as Col-  
lector for the South Side of the town and to Serve Con-  
stable in the Room of De<sup>a</sup> David Goodridge then the mo-  
tion was made & Seconed to ajourn the march meeting  
till firft munday in april and the meeting is ajourned  
accordingly till one a Clock in the after noon . . . . .

Thomas Cowdin Town Clark

April y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1784 then the Town meet according to  
ajournment & proceded to the Buifenefs of the Day . . .

32<sup>ly</sup> voted to move the potition Betwene the mens & the womens Seats in the front Gallary So as the men Singers to have two thirds of the front Gallary for there use

Phinehas Hartwell Moderator  
this meeting Disolved  
Recorded By me Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[250] (seale) Worcester ss To John Farwell Consta-  
ble for the town of fitchburg Greeting} These are there-  
fore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachu-  
setts to order & Direct you fourthwith to Notify all the  
male Inhabitance of fitchburg of twenty one years of age  
& upwards Having a freehold Eftate within this Com-  
monwealth of the anuel income of three pounds or any  
Eftate of the value of Sixty pounds to Afsemble and meet  
at the meeting Houfe in Fitchburg on monday the fift  
Day of April Next at three a Clock in the after noon then  
& their being Duly meet & formed to act on the follow-  
ing articles viz . . . .

1<sup>ft</sup> to Give in your votes for a Governor . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to Give in your votes for a Luet Governor . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Give in your votes for five Senators in the  
County of worcester a Greeable to the Constitution

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with  
your Doings there on to Some one of us at or before the  
Day and time a bove mentioned Given under under our  
Hands & Seal at fitchburg this twenty Second Day of  
march and in the year of our Lord 1784

Phinehas Hartwell	} Select men for fitchburg
oliver Stickney	
Thomas Starns	

Worcester Ss April y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1784} in obedience to the  
within warrant I have Notified the freeholders & other  
inhabitance as is Spacified in the within warrant

John Farwell Constable

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of  
fitchburg afsembled april the fift 1784

1 <sup>st</sup>	voted for his Excellency John Hancock Esqr for a Govrnor by the No of votes two . . . . .	2
	Do for the Honourable John Adams Esqr one . No .	1
	D <sup>o</sup> for Col <sup>o</sup> John Commins . . . . one . . No .	1
	D <sup>o</sup> for the Honorable Samuel Holton Esqr seven- teen . . . . .	No . 17
	D <sup>o</sup> for the Rever <sup>d</sup> Zebdial Adams . . . . twenty one . . . . .	No . 21
2 <sup>ly</sup>	voted for the Honrable oliver Prescott as Lu <sup>t</sup> Gov- ernor . . . . .	No of vots . 29
3 <sup>ly</sup>	voted for five Senators viz } the Honourble moses Gill Esqr . . . . .	No . . . . . 26
	for the Honourable Israel Nicholas Esqr . No of votes .	26
	for the Honourable Seth warfshburn Esqr No of votes .	26
	for the Hounourble Samuel Curtifs Esqr . No of votes .	26
	for M <sup>r</sup> Willam Page of Hardwick . . . . No of votes .	26
Thomas Cowdin	Town Clark	} Phin <sup>e</sup> Hartwell } Select men } oliver Stickney } for } Thomas Starns } Fitchburg

[251] Fitchburg September y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1783

\* Whereas a Number of the inhabtance of this town Dwelling in the Norwestardly part of Said town & owners of Lands now about to be improved & is improved Some time past Requested to the Selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> town for a tow Rod Road to to be Laid out through the Lands of us the Subscribers which was Laid out and agreed to } the Discriptions are as follows Begining at W<sup>m</sup> Hafkells South Line Runing Northerdly through s<sup>d</sup> Hafkells Land to Leut<sup>t</sup> Pages & Abra<sup>m</sup> Ferwell Land then on pages & ferwells one Rod on each through on the Line betwene them to Docter martin Herricks Land then through the Corner of s<sup>d</sup> Dr Herrick Land about 30 or 40 Rods to Benjamin Herrick Land then Runing angle ways through the s<sup>d</sup> Benja<sup>a</sup> Herrick Land to or near s<sup>d</sup> Herrick Houfe to Joseph venen Land then on Jos venens Land Bounded on Herrick through to Ephraim Heyward Land then on Howards Land on Herrick Line to Eljah willard Land then North-

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\* See page 239. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

erdly through s<sup>d</sup> willard Land to the Land of Daniel willard then through said Daniels willards Land to Ashby Line the above mentioned Road has ben accepted By the town So far as was Given and for the Better Satisfaction and Safty of the town and the owners of Said Lands the Road was Laid out on or through, we the owners of s<sup>d</sup> Lands, Do Hereby tistify and Confirme our willingnefs each and every one of us perfonaly to Give Said Land free & clear of all incombrances for the publick use & Benefit of travelling to be an open town Road for pasing and Repasing as is Laid out & Discribed by marks and Bounds in witnefs Hereof we Do Sett our Hands this instant September and in the Seventh year of america Indepedance

March y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 the above mentioned Road was accepted at a Legal meeting of the inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> town at there annual march meeting By an article in serted for that Purpofe} the above mentioned perfons that signed this Intrument are as follows

Abraham Farwell  
 William Haskell  
 Elijah Willard  
 Dr Martin Herrick  
 Ephraim Heyward  
 Daniel willard  
 Joseph venen  
 Benja<sup>a</sup> Herrick  
 Jonathan Page  
 Samuel Herrick  
 Nath<sup>l</sup> Heyward

Phine<sup>s</sup> Hartwell moderator

Recorded By me

Phinehas Hartwell town Clark

[252] (Seal) Worcester fs To Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartwell one of the Constables for the town of Fitchburg Greeting} these are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachufetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of

the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to afsemble & meet at the meeting Houfe in fitchburg on Munday the fifteenth Day of this instant march at one O clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . . .

1<sup>st</sup> to Chooſe moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will Send a member to meat a Convention at Worceſter by a Request of a Circular Letter from Suttan for that purpose or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will a bate any Rates in any of the Conſtables or Collectors Lift or Lifts or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will Diſcontinue a road from william Grimeſes Houſe to Jacob Gibſons Houſe & accept of a road from s<sup>d</sup> Gibſons Houſe through s<sup>d</sup> Gibſons Land to a road that Leads to the School houſe as is Diſcribed by a Request of a Number of the inhabiſance of s<sup>d</sup> town

5<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will aſſiſt Aſeph Goodridge in Keeping the Gates in reſpare on the road Leading from s<sup>d</sup> Goodridges to the meeting houſe . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will Raiſe money to Diſcharg an Execution in the High Sheriff hands for beef & Raiſe money for other uſes or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will Chooſe a Committee to Settle with the town treaſurer

8<sup>ly</sup> to See if the town will take into Conſideration & Defend m<sup>r</sup> Noah weſwell from paying his taxes to weſt-minſter aſeſed on him in the year 1781 & 1782 or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to Some one of us on or before s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands & Seal Dated at Fitchburg march the firſt 1784

Phin <sup>e</sup> Hartwell	} Select men for Fitchburg
oliver Stickney	
Tho <sup>s</sup> Stearns	



Worcester Ss Fitchburg March y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1784 In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the free holders & other Inhabitation of the town Qualified by Law to vote in town meeting to meet at time and place with Named

Thomas Hartwell Constable

[253] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg assembled on march y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1784 . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> Choofe Phinehas Hartwell moderator . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting till five a Clock in the after noon of s<sup>d</sup> Day

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Send a member to meat the Convention at worcester on the third tuesday of this instant march in order to take into Consideration the Circuler Letter Sent from Suttan Dated the 16 Day of february Laft . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> David m<sup>t</sup>intire to meat the Convention at worcester on the Sixteenth Day of march instant to take into Consideration the Letter Sent from Suttan . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate Solomons Gibsons Rates in Phine Hartwells Lifts for the year 1780

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate Thomas Gary taxes in Thomas Hartwells Lifts which is . . . . . 1-2-6

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to Discontuner the old road Leading from m<sup>r</sup> william Grimeses house to Jacob Gibsons House . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of a two rod road Leading from Jacobs Gibsons house Leading to the Schoole house as the Road was Laid out by the Selectmen Strait from s<sup>d</sup> Gibsons house to the Corner of the Lane aganst mr perleys house where they formerly traveled to s<sup>d</sup> town by the school house . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> voted not to Defend m<sup>r</sup> Noah wezwell from paying his taxes to westeminster for the year 1781 & 1782 then a motion was made to have this town meeting ajourned to the first munday in april at two a Clock in the after noon and this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Thoms Cowden Town Clark

April y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> the town meet according to their ajournment & proceded to the Buifeness of the Day

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate Stephen fullers Rates in Capt Sam<sup>ll</sup> Burbanks Lifts which is 11/9

11<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate oliver Browns poll tax in Daniel farwell State bill in paper money . . . . . 20-0-0

12<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate Jos Gibsons Rates in Capt Thos Hartwells Lift which is . . . . . 1-2-6

13<sup>ly</sup> voted to have the Committee make futher inquiry Concerning the Beef and Report to the town

14<sup>ly</sup> voted that Jos fox & the Selectmen be a Committe to Settle with the town treafurer

15<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate Noah welsells Rates in Capt Sam<sup>ll</sup> Burbanks Lift which is . . . . . 25-15-4-3

then a motion was made to have this meeting ajourned till may meeting and s<sup>d</sup> meeting is ajourned accordingly

may y<sup>e</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> 1784 the town meet according to ajournment & proceeded to buifenefs

16<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife Eighty pounds to Discharge an Execution in the hand of the High Sheriff against the town for Deficiency of Beef . . . . . 80-0-0

This meeting Difolved

Phinehas Hartwell moderator

Recorded by me

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[254] (Seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsechusetts to will & Require you forth with to Notify all the male Inhabitance of Fitchburg of twenty one years of age & upwards Having a free hold Estate within said town of the anuel income of three pounds or any Estate of the value of Sixty pounds to assemble & meet at the meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> town on fryday the fourteenth Day of this instant may at three O clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article . . . . .

1<sup>st</sup> to see if the town will elect & Depute any person to serve for and Represent them in the Great & General Court or assembly to be held in this Common wealth or act any thing there on as they Shall think proper

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & Seal at fitchburg this eighth Day of this instant may and in the year of our Lord 1784 . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell } Select men for  
Oliver Stickney } Fitchburg

Worcester fs In obedince to the within warrant I Have Notified the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time & place as is Spacified in the within warrant Fitchburg may ye 14<sup>th</sup> 1784

John Ferwell Constable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitance of the town of Fitchburg afsembled on may the 14<sup>th</sup> 1784

voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden Esq<sup>r</sup> to serve for & Representative in the Great & General Court or Afsemble to be held in this Common wealth on the Laft wednefs Day of may instant

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clark

[255] (seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of Fitchburg Greeting These arc in the Name of the Common wealth of the mafsechufetts to will & Require you fourthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to Afsemble & meet at the meeting House in fitchburg on wednefsday the first Day of Sep<sup>t</sup> Next at one of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

1<sup>st</sup> to Choofe moderator to Govern said meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to Support the Rever<sup>d</sup> Mr John Payson the present year

3<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the town will take to support the poor or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the town will take to provide schooling or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will allow such accomps as shall be Laid before them for service Done for said town or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

6<sup>ly</sup> to see what som or sums of money the town will Raife to Defray town Charges or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the town will take to supply the Reve<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> payson with wood the present year . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will allow m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Rufsell and m<sup>r</sup> Jelse French any a abatement on their Rate Bill in the Hands of the Constable for the year 1780 in Regard to there being Drafted or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Give in there votes for a Regefter of Deeds for the County of worcester as Directed by a warrent from two of the Justices of the Corum

10<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will take into Consideration the Circurler Letter from westminster in Regard to Deviding the County or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Here of fail not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our Hands & seal this sixteenth Day of August & in the year of our Lord 1784

Phinehas Hartwell	} Select men for Fitchburg
oliver Stickney	
Thomas ftearns	

Worcester fs Fitchburg Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 in obedience to the with warrant I have Notefied and warn<sup>d</sup> all the free holders & other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town meetings to afsemble and meet at the time & place as is spasified in the within warrant

John Ferwell Constable

[256] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Afsembled September y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 . .

1<sup>st</sup> voted and Choofs Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife for the Rev<sup>r</sup><sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Payson support for the present year . . . . . £66-13-4

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife thirty five Dollars for Daniel Ferwell to support mis Hart one whole year so in propotion if Shee Shold not Live the year out . . . . . 10-10-0

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife forty pounds to support the school the present year . . . . . 40-0-0

5<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choose for a school Committee Elijah Garfield & m<sup>r</sup> Hezekiah Hodgskins & m<sup>r</sup> Chearls Willard & m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnum m<sup>r</sup> John Goodridge & m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Rufsell School Committee

6<sup>ly</sup> voted that each Quarter Draw their propotion of money according to there Rate Bill in each Quarter

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow De<sup>a</sup> David Goodridge account for Labour with several other Hands on the Great Bridg in Repairing it as appears By his accompt<sup>t</sup> Dated June y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1784 the sum . . . . . 2- 4- 6 p<sup>d</sup>

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow Ebe<sup>n</sup> Polley his accompt<sup>t</sup> for Labour at the Great Bridge . . . . . 0-10- 0 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartwell his accompt<sup>t</sup> . . . . . 0- 2- 0 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow John upton his account for Labour at the Bridge . . . . . 1-10- 0 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow Phinehas Hartwell & Ephraim Hartwell 6/0 their accompt<sup>t</sup> at the Bridge . . . . . 1- 0- 0 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow Thomas Stearns for Service Done as an afsefsor . . . . . 2- 0- 3 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow oliver Stickney for service Done as an afsefsor & to the Bridge . . . . . 3- 4- 2 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow Sam<sup>ll</sup> Burbank his accompt at the Bridge . . . . . 0- 2- 0 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow John thurston Jur his account at the Bridge & as an afsefsor . . . . . 2- 7- 6 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow Elijah Garfield his account . . . . . 0- 6- 0 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow Phin<sup>e</sup> Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> his account at the Bridg . . . . . 0- 3- 4 p<sup>d</sup>

voted to allow Eben<sup>e</sup> Bridge his account which is Cost at Law . . . . . 4- 7- 9 p<sup>d</sup>



voted to allow Hezekiah Hodgskins his account . . . . .	x1- 0- 6 p <sup>d</sup>
voted to allow Esqr Cowden for taken Care of the meeting House one year & settling with the Committee his accompt . . . . .	1-11- 0 p <sup>d</sup>
voted to allow Afa Perrey his accompt <sup>t</sup> for settling the Beef . . . . .	0-10- 0 p <sup>d</sup>
voted to allow Joseph Low Ju <sup>r</sup> his accompt <sup>t</sup> at the bridge . . . . .	0-19- 6 p <sup>d</sup>
voted to allow Lie <sup>t</sup> paul weatherbee his accompt <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	0- 2- 0 p <sup>d</sup>
voted to allow David M <sup>c</sup> Intire his accompt <sup>t</sup> for tending on the convention at Worcester . . . . .	2-14- 0 p <sup>d</sup>
voted to allow Edward Scott his work on the highway to be Reconed of to a futere Highway Rate to Come . .	3- 6- 0 p <sup>d</sup>
voted to allow Edward Scott his accompt <sup>t</sup> for timber at the Bridge . .	12- 0 p <sup>d</sup>
[257] 9 <sup>ly</sup> voted & Choose M <sup>r</sup> Kendel Boutell & m <sup>r</sup> Thomas Stearns to meat the Convention at westminster the second Day of this instant Sept <sup>r</sup> to Consult the interest of the County . .	
10 <sup>ly</sup> voted to allow John Carter his accompt <sup>t</sup>	£0- 3- 4 p <sup>d</sup>
11 <sup>ly</sup> voted to allow m <sup>r</sup> Aseph Goodridge five pound Eighteen Shillings for providing thirty Coard of Good wood at the Reve <sup>d</sup> M <sup>r</sup> Paysons Door to m <sup>r</sup> paysons acceptance . . . . .	5-18- 0 p <sup>d</sup>
12 <sup>ly</sup> voted to allow m <sup>r</sup> Jonathan Rufsell to ward his being Drafted by Col <sup>o</sup> Bridge one Shiling & ten pence . . .	0 1-10 p <sup>d</sup>
13 <sup>ly</sup> voted & Raise one Hundred and fifty Pounds to Defray town Charges and the above accounts for the presant year to be affesed . . . . .	150- 0- 0
14 voted to pafs over Jefse french Request he being over paid by the scale	

The meeting Disolved

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Cleark

A Greeable to a warrant Directed to the Selectmen of the town of fitchburg from worcester by two of the Justices of the Corum for the County afores<sup>d</sup> to will & Require them forth with to Notify the free holders & other inhabitance Quallified by Law to vote for a Register of Deeds for s<sup>d</sup> County } an article was inferted in a Legal warrant from the Selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> town for the above mentioned purpofes

the town meet on Sept<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1784 & Gave in their votes for the following Gentlemen (viz)

for Timothy Pain Esqr . . . . .	25 votes
for m <sup>r</sup> Joseph Stone . . . . .	4-votes
for Joseph wheelar Esqr . . . . .	1-vote
for m <sup>r</sup> Sam <sup>ll</sup> Allen . . . . .	1-vote

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Phinehas Hartwell } Select men  
for Fitchburg

(Seal) Worcester Is to John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg Greeting Perfuant to a warrant to us Directed from two of the Justices of the peace of s<sup>d</sup> County Quoram unice for the Choice of a Reg<sup>r</sup> of Deeds for s<sup>d</sup> County

These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the mafsachusetts to order & Direct you fourth with to Notify all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote for the Choice of Representetives to assemble and meet at the meeting house in fitchburg on fryday the twenty six Day of this Instant Novembr at one a Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article (viz)

to Give in your votes for a Reigt<sup>r</sup> of Deeds for the County of worcester as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before

the Day & time above mentioned Givin under our hand & Seal at Fitchburg this twelfth Day of November & in the year of our Lord 1784

Phine<sup>s</sup> Hartwell } Selectmen for  
Thomas Stearns } Fitchburg

at a Legal meeting of the inhabtance of the town of fitchburg afsembled on fryday the twenty Six Day of this in Stant September 1784 and Gave in their vots for the following Gentlemen (viz)

timothy Pain Esqr . . . . . 12 vots

Col<sup>o</sup> Clap . . . . . 2 vots

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[258] Worcester fs To John Ferwell Conftable for fitchburg Greeting

A Greeable to a warrant Directed to the select men of the town of fitchburg from two of the Justices of the peace of s<sup>d</sup> County Quoram unice for the Choice of a Register of Deeds for s<sup>d</sup> County

(seal) These are therefore in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Malsachusetts to Require and Direct you forthwith in Due manner and form to Notify the freeholders & other Inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> town Qualified by Law to vote for Choice of a Representative to Afsemble at the meeting house in fitchburg on munday the seventh Day of march Next at Nine of the Clock in the morning then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article

1<sup>ly</sup> to Bring your vots for some Discrete sutable person to serve in the office of Regefter of Deeds for the County of worcester as the Law Directs

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hand & seal at fitchburg this Eighteenth Day of this instant february & in the year of our Lord 1785

Phine<sup>s</sup> Hartwell } Selectmen  
Oliver Stickney } for  
Thomas Stearns } fitchburg

Worcester fs In Obediance to this warrant I have  
Notified and warned all the free holders and other of the  
inhabitation of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time  
& place within mentioned as the Law Directs

John Ferwell Conftable

Fitchburg march ye 7<sup>th</sup> 1785

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitation of the town of  
fitchburg Afsembled March ye 7<sup>th</sup> 1785

1<sup>ly</sup> voted for m<sup>r</sup> Samuell Allen to serve in the office of  
a Register of Deeds for s<sup>d</sup> County Number of votes for  
Said Allen was twenty

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Fitchburg March ye 8<sup>th</sup> 1785 whereas Doctr Jonas mar-  
shell Gave Notice to us the subscribers selectmen for the  
town of fitchburg of his Consenting to Come into town  
Febuary ye 11<sup>th</sup> 1785 one Samuell Hill & family from  
Hollis in New Hamfhire State to Live on pirlhill we the  
Selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> town having taken into Consideration the  
Circumstances of the above named Samuell Hill & Jemima  
his wife & Elifabeth his Daughter & samuell Hill his son  
and Do not admitt either of them into town as inhabitation  
thereof in any wife or Give Lifance to them to inhabite in  
s<sup>d</sup> town But to Depart with out Charge forth with . . .

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for fitchburg
Oliver Stickney	

[259] (Seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable  
for the Town of fitchburg Greeting In the Name of the  
Commonwealth of the Mafsachusetts you are hereby Re-  
quired to Notify in Due Courfe of Law Agreeable to the  
Conftitution the freeholders and other inhabitation Quali-  
fied thereby to vote for the offices here after mentioned to  
afsemble and meet at the meeting Houfe in fitchburg on  
Monday the forth Day of april Next at one of the Clock  
in the after Noon then & there being Duely meet & formed  
to act on the following articles

1<sup>ly</sup> to Give in your votes for a Governor

2<sup>ly</sup> to Give in your votes for a Leu<sup>t</sup> Governor

3<sup>ly</sup> to Give in your votes for five Senators

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hand & seal this fourteenth Day of march and in the year of our Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
oliver Stickney	

Worcester Is in obedince to the within written warrant I have Notified all the freeholders & other inhabitation of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to assemble and meete at the time & place within mentioned

John Ferwell Conftable

Fitchburg April y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1785

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg affembled april the forth 1785 the following Gentlemen voted for as followes—

The Honourable samuell Holton Esqr For Governor . . .  
16-votes

The Honorable Thomas Cushing Esqr For Governor . . .  
6-votes

The Honorable oliver Prescott Esqr For Governor . . .  
4 votes

The Honorable oliver Prescott Esqr For Liut Governor . . .  
18-votes

The Honourable Isarel Nicholas Esqr for senator . . .  
16-votes

The Honorable Seth warfhhurn Esqr for senator . . .  
16-votes

The Honorable Moses Gill Esqr for senator . 16 votes

The Honorable Sam<sup>l</sup> Baker Esqr for senator . 16-vote

The Honorable Jonathan Warner Esqr for senator . . .  
16 votes

this meeting Disolved

oliver Stickney	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk



(Seal) Worcefter fs To John Ferwell Constable for  
fitchburg Greeting

these are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the  
Mafsachufetts to will & Require you forth with to Notifie  
and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the  
town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meet-  
ings to Afsemble and meet at the meeting Houfe in fitch-  
burg on Munday the seventh Day of March next at Nine  
of the Clock in the morning then & their being Duly meet  
& formed to act on the following articles to wit . . . .

1<sup>st</sup> to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Chooſe Selectmen & other town offices as the  
Law Directs or act any thing in Regard to Choice of Col-  
lectors as they ſhall think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the town will accept of ſuch Roads as  
are Laid out by the Selectmen or there order . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the town will Diſcontinue a Road for-  
merly Laid out on the Back of peirlhill or any part there-  
of as ſhall be thoat proper and accept of an New one  
Laid futher weſt for the uſe of the inhabitance on Back  
of ſaid hill

[260] 5<sup>ly</sup> to ſee what ſum or ſums of money the  
Town will Raiſe to keep the Highways and Bridges in  
Repair the preſent year or act any thing as they ſhall  
think proper

6<sup>ly</sup> to ſee what inſtructions the town will Give in  
Regard to thoſe perſons that Have over paid there Claſs  
Rate to the Collector that they may have Credit for there  
over pluſs . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> to ſee what method the town will take to ſupport  
the poor that are be Come Chargeble to the town or act  
anything thereon as they ſhall think proper

8<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the town will take into Conſideration  
the Great Bridge by the meeting Houſe in Regard to its  
being New Covered & Repair the under works if need or  
act any thing thereon af they ſhall think proper . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the town will allow any accounts that  
may be Laid before the town for acceptance for ſervice  
Done for ſaid town . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will allow the swine to Go at Large the present year under the Regulation of the Law

11<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will take into Consideration the Request of Mr Jacob upton and others to see if the town will seet of the Inhabitance of the Norwestardly part of fitchburg with there Lands and priveledges free and Clear from s<sup>d</sup> fitchburg to Joine the Extrem part of westminster with the Noreasterdly part of Afhburnham to be encoproated into a town to have town priviliges as other towns . . . .

Hereof fail not make Due Return of this warrant to some one of us with your Dowings thereon at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal this Eighteenth Day of this instant February and in the year of our Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Oliver Stickney	
Thomas Stearns	

Worcester Is in obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warn all the freeholders and others of the inhabitance of the town of fitchburg to meet at the time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs Fitchburg march y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1785

John Ferwell Constable

At a Legal meeting of the inhabitance of the town of fitchburg asssembled march y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1785

1<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Dea David Goodridge moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe three selectmen for the ensuing year . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe for selectmen Phinehas Hartwell Oliver Stickney Thomas Stearns . . Select men & Affessors

4<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe the selectmen for Affessors the present year . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

6<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phine<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Town treasurer . . town treasurer

7<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choof Hezekiah Hodskins Constable for the south side of s<sup>d</sup> town . . . . . Constable  
Hodgskins Refuse to serve or Give any satisfaction to the town there for when notefied . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Leu<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Page Conftable for the North side of s<sup>d</sup> town . . . . . Conftable  
Jonathan Page accepted his Choofe & Paid his ten Dollars for a hire of Collector in his Room to Collect the taxes the present year according to a former vote

9<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> afa Perrey & Joseph Polley wardans the present year . . . . . warden

10<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> Jacob upton & m<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Ruffell tythingmen . . . . . tythingmen

11<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe for Highways Surveyours m<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry m<sup>r</sup> Jacob upton m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Stearns m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Allen & m<sup>r</sup> Abraham Ferwell & m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Eaton and m<sup>r</sup> Johnathan Ruffell & m<sup>r</sup> Abraham Jaquith & Joseph Fox Esqr & m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> for the present year . . . . . Highway Surveyours

12<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe for Hog Reves m<sup>r</sup> Jacob fullam william Rider Berzelel Gibson . . . . . Hogreves

13<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Thurfton & m<sup>r</sup> Jofhua Parce fire wards . . . . . fire wards

14<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> John Upton surveyre of Clabords & shingles & Boards . . . . . surveyour of Clabords & Shingles & Boards

[261] 15<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan wood surveyour of Hoops & Staves . . . . . Hoops & Staves

16<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> David Parce Sealer of weights & meafurers . . . . . sealer of weights and meafurers

17<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> Jacob Allen & m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam fence vewers . . . . . fence vewers

18<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> oliver Brown a sealer of Leather . . . . . sealer of Leather

19<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife one Hundred & fifty pounds to keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the Present year and the above money to be Disposed of in the same manner for an hour & for oxen & for tools as was seet Laft year the surveyers are Choofen Collectors of the highway taxes & the tax to be worked out the Laft Day of Novem-

ber 1785 the surveyours to Give Legal & timely Notice for the work and that perfon that neglects to workt out there Rate within the time perfixt are expofed to pay there money to the Collectors as other Rate and the money be Converted to the use of the Highway in the Deftrict where it is Collected . . . . .

20<sup>ly</sup> voted that the selectmen Give the treasurer order to Give those perfon that over paid there Clafs Rate to the Collector order to Recive the over plus Back to Discharge other Rates in s<sup>d</sup> Collectors hand if any there be

21<sup>ly</sup> m<sup>r</sup> Jofeph Down Bid of mrs Hart for Daniel Ferwell at Eight pounds twelve shillings provided shee Lives the year out so in propotion if shee should not Live the year out . . . . .

22<sup>ly</sup> submitt williams Girl Lydea Bid of By m<sup>r</sup> Jofeph Phelps for two shillings a week & find her vitling Lodging & warfhing & mending while shee Lives with s<sup>d</sup> Phelps

23<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Leu<sup>t</sup> Paul weatherbee & Afeeph Goodridge & Elijah Garfield a Committee to enfpct the Great Bridge in the midle of the town to see what is wanting for the Covering & Repairing the said Bridge and make a Report emediately as soon as may bee . .

the Ninth article in the warrant pafed over & Difmifed .. . . .

24<sup>ly</sup> voted to Let the swine Go at Large the prefont year under the Regulation of the Law

25<sup>ly</sup> the Committee Report of the Bridge accepted & pafed the following votes voted that the Committee be impowered to Let the Gitting of the Plank for the Covering of the Bridge out at the Befst manner and Collect the under timber for the Repeiring the Bridge that is wanting at the Cheepest Rate . . . . .

26<sup>ly</sup> voted to ajourne this meeting with those articles that are not acted on to the firft munday in April Next at one of the Clock in the after noone the meeting is ajorned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

April y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1785 the town meet according to ajournment and proceded to the Buifnefs of the Day

27<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe Collectors to Collect the taxes for the preſent year the Loweſt Bidder to be the Collector with a Good Bondsman to the towns acceptance . . .

\*28<sup>ly</sup> voted to Diſcontunere the old Road that Leads on the Back of the pirl hill By where John Parkes Lived & accept of a new one in the Room Laid out under the hill to the two Berreys houſes the Land is Given By ſ<sup>d</sup> owners & to Clear out ſ<sup>d</sup> Road on there own Coſt the Diſcription of ſ<sup>d</sup> Road two Rod Road as followes begining at the old Road Betwene m<sup>r</sup> Joſeph Phelps & Col<sup>o</sup> Bridges then Runs Northerdly on Land of Joſeph Phelps as Near Col<sup>o</sup> Bridges Line is Covenant for a Road till it Comes within aboute fifteen Rods of ſtephen Pingreys Land then Runing Eaſt of a Cheſtnut tree markt then Runing on Land of m<sup>r</sup> Pingrey Northeaſt of a Cheſtnut tree marked then Runing eaſt of a white oak tree marked then Runing Eaſt of a Black oak tree marked then Runing Northerly on Land of Nathaniel Berry Eaſt of a Rock maple tree marked then Runing Eaſt of a white oak tree marked then Runing Eaſt of a white pine tree mark,t then Runing Eaſt of a Rock maple tree marked on Land of ſamuell Berry then Runing Eaſt of ſaid Berrey houſe Northerly till it Comes to Land of Jonathan Lemons the Land all Given By the owners where the Road Runs and this Road is in Lue of the Road that was Laid out and Led By where John Parks Lived the Road accepted By the town ſo far as Laid out & Given

Joſeph Phelps	}	Committed appointed By order of the selectmen
ſtephen Pingrey		

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Fitchburg February y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1785

[262] 29<sup>ly</sup> The vote was Put to ſee if the town of fitchburg would vote of the Northweſterdly Corner of ſaid town of fitchburg according to there Plan Laid before the town annexed to there Requeſt the Requeſt Legally in Certed in a warrant for the above purpoſe and it paſſed in the Negative

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\*Now known as Marshall Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]



the meeting ajourned to Esqr Cowdens Houfe for one half hour the town meet on ajournment at said houfe & proceeded as followes

30<sup>ly</sup> voted this meeting be adjourned to the Eighth Day of this instant april at one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting Houfe the meeting is accordingly ajourned

April y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1785 the town meet according to adjournment & proceeded to the buifeness of the Day

31<sup>st</sup> voted to Dismifs Deacon David Goodridge as Moderator he being not able to perform the Buifeness in hand  
Deacon David Goodridge moderator

voted & Choofe mr Afa Perry Moderator in the Room of Deacon Goodridge to to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

32<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourne meeting Down to the houfe of Cap<sup>t</sup> Cowden for five minuts the town meet on the ajurnement at the houfe and proceeded to the Buifeness in hand

33<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Collector on the south side of s<sup>d</sup> town first { the Laft bid Lies on m<sup>r</sup> David Pratt at Nineteen Dollars on the hundred pound for Collecting

34<sup>ly</sup> voted to try the North side of s<sup>d</sup> town for a Collector the Bid Lies on m<sup>r</sup> John Shiple at Nineteen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pound voted and accepted of D<sup>r</sup> Jonas marshell as a Bondsman for m<sup>r</sup> Shiple to serve Collector

35<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of Thomas Stearns as Bondsman for m<sup>r</sup> said David pratt to serve Collector

36<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourne this meeting to tuesday the twelveth Day of this instant April the meeting is accordingly ajourned . . . .

April y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1785 the town meet according to the adjournment & proceeded to the Buifeness of the Day m<sup>r</sup> John Shiple & m<sup>r</sup> David pratt Gave Liberty to have the town try for a New Bid for a Collector on each side of s<sup>d</sup> town to Collect the taxes the present year

37<sup>ly</sup> voted to journe Down to the houfe of Esqr Cowdens for five minuts the town meet according to ajournement & proceeded to the buifeness in hand . . .

38<sup>ly</sup> voted to try for a Collector on the North side of s<sup>d</sup> town the Laft bidd Lies on m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> at seventeen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pounds so in propotion for a Leffor or Greater sum for Collecting the taxes . . . . .

39<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Garfield to be Bondsman for m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> for him to serve Collector for the North side of the town for the year 1785—for the faithfull Discharge of his Duety in office . . . . .

30<sup>th</sup> voted to try for a Collector on the south side of said town the Laft bid Lies on m<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry at seventeen Dollars & ½ on the hundred pound for Collecting the taxes so in propotion for a Leffor or Greater sum for the south side of the town for the year 1785

31<sup>st</sup> voted to accept of m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Stearns to be Bondsman for m<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry for him to serve Collector for the south side of said town for the faithfull Discharge of his Duty in office

32<sup>ly</sup> voted this meeting be Disolved

Afa Perrey . . . Moderator

Fitchburg march y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> 1785

Laid out by us the subscribers for Noah wifsall a two Rod Road begining at the County Road betwene Kendal Boutells and David Goodell through a part of Esqr Cowdens Land to the proprietors Land and through the proprietors Land to Land of Cap<sup>t</sup> Nethaniel wright and through s<sup>d</sup> Rights Land a south westerdly point to the town Line and marked the trees on the Northwesterly side of s<sup>d</sup> Road this Road accepted so far as Given

Kendall Boutell	} Committee apponted By the Selectmen
Thomas Stearns	
Noah wifwell	

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[263] (seal) Worcester Is To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg Greeting By a Legal Request from the inhabitance of the west part of the town to us the subscribers . . . . .

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the maffachufetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify & warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to affemble & meet at the meeting house in on munday the second Day of may Next at one of the Clock in the afternoon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles to wit

1<sup>st</sup> to Chooſe a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the town of fitchburg will Receive about a mile or more in weadth of Land with the inhabitance thereon of the Northerdly part of the town of weſtminifter Bounding on the Northweſterdly part of fitchburg to Be annexed thereto to be Convened with others of the inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> town for the publick worſhip of God and to be veſted with all other Priveliges with ſaid town in publick matters to Joyn with the Inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> fitchburg to Build a meeting Houſe on m<sup>r</sup> Ezra uptons Land By the County Road near or aganſt the end of the Road that Leads from m<sup>r</sup> John Carters to the County Road . . . or act any thing Referring thereto as they ſhall think proper . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the town will Grant Leave for the Delinquents of the Highway tax for the year 1784 which by a former vote was to be aded to the town Rate and ſee if the town will Grant Leave to have the Remaining part of ſaid tax which is annexed to the town Bill to be taken of and aded to the Liſt of the preſent ſurveyours to be Collected or worked out fourthwith or act any thing there on as they ſhall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the town will Authorize or impower the ſelectmen to Give ſecuritys on the towns behalf for the towns Debts & indemnify them from all ſutes of Law that may a riſe on former ſecurity Given By the ſelectmen in behalf of ſaid town heretofore and Diſcharge the ſame to final Judgment

Hereof fail not and make Due Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to ſome one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned—

Given under our Hand & seal at fitchburg this  
Eighteenth Day of this instant april and in the year of our  
Lord 1785

Phinehas Hartwell } Selectmen  
Oliver Stickney } for fitchburg

Worcester fs in obedience to the within warrant I have  
Notified and warned all the freeholders & other of the  
inhabitation of the towne of fitchburg to meet at the time  
and Place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Fitchburg May y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1785

John Ferwell Constable  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[264] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitation of the  
town of fitchburg assembled on monday the second Day  
of may 1785 . . . the meeting being opened . . .

1<sup>st</sup> ly voted & Choofe Mr Daniel Putnam Moderator to  
Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Dismifs the second article in the warrant  
in Regard to taking on a mile of the town of westminster  
to be annexed to fitchburg according to a Request of a  
number of the inhabitation of the west part of fitchburg

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to the Delinquents that was not worked  
out in Laft year Highway tax for the year 1784 that was  
aded on the town bill and & add it to the prefont High-  
way surveyours Lifts to be worked out emediately  
or the money Collected & put to the use of mending of  
the Road

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of the fourth article as it Now  
stands in the warrant

voted to authorize & impower the selectmen to Give  
security on the towns Behalf for the towns Debts and in-  
demnify them from all sutes of Law that may arife on  
former securityes Given by the selectmen in behalf of said  
town heretofore and Discharge the same to final Judgment  
this meeting Difsolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg for the County aforesaid—Greeting

These are in the Name of the Common wealth of the Massachusetts to will & Require you fourthwith to Notify by verble Notice in an open town meeting the inhabitation of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meeting to meet at the meeting house in said town at four O Clock this second Day of may in the after noon to act on the following article viz

1<sup>ly</sup> to Choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will take into Consideration the Circuller Letter sent from Leominster or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before the time afore mentioned Given under our hand & seal this second Day of may 1785

Oliver Stickney } Selectmen  
Thomas stearns } for fitchburg

Worcester fs May y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1785

In obedince to the within warrant I have Notified & warnd the freeholders and other of the inhabitation of the town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in town meetings to meet at time and place within mentioned

John Ferwell Conftable

[265] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg assembled on monday the second Day of this instant may 1785 at four of the Clock P. M. to take into Consideration a Circuller Letter from Leominster for forming a New County

1<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choose m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choose three as a Committee to meet the other Neighbouring towns at Lanlord Whitneys Innholders in Lunenburg on the Nineteenth Day of this instant may to Consult matters Relative to forming a New County

3<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choose the following Gentlemen viz Thomas Cowden Esqr D<sup>r</sup> Jonas Marshell M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Garfield to meet the other towns in a Consultation for the above porpose



the meeting Dissoved

Daniel Putnum Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seal) Worcester fs To John Ferwell Constable for the town of fitchburg for s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting These are in the Name of the Commonweath of the maffachusetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notify all the male Inhabitance of fitchburg of twenty one years of age & upward having a freehould Eftate within said town of the annuel income of three pounds or any Eftate of the value of sixty pounds to affemble & meet at the meeting houle in fitchburg on fryday the thirteenth Day of may Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to wit

1<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Elect & Depute any perfon to serve for & Represent them in the Great & General Court or affembly to be held in this Commonweath on the Laft wednefs day in may A Greeable to the Conftitution or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal at fitchburg this twenty Ninth Day of april & in the year of our Lord 1785

Phin<sup>s</sup> Hartwell } Select men for  
oliver Stickney } fitchburg

Worcester fs in obedience to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders and other inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote for a Representative to meet at the time & place within mentioned—

John Ferwell Conftable

Fitchburg may y<sup>e</sup> 13<sup>th</sup> 1785

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg affembled on fryday the thirteen Day of this instant may 1785 the meeting opned & the motion put to see if the town will send a Representative to Represent

the town the present year & the vote Called & it pased  
in the Negative

thee meeting Difsolved

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[266] (seal) Worcester Is To John Ferwell Constable  
for the town of fitchburg for the year 1785 . . Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the  
Masfachufetts to will and Require you forthwith to Notify  
& warn all the free holders & other Inhabitation of the  
town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meet-  
ings to assemble & meet at the meeting house in fitchburg  
on thursday the fifteenth Day of september at one of the  
Clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet &  
formed to act on the following articles to wit

1<sup>st</sup> to Choofe a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to support the Revn<sup>d</sup> mr payfon  
the present year . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to see what sum or sums of money shall be Raifed  
to support the schools and to see what way it shall be  
Laid out or act any thing there on as they shall think  
proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to support mi<sup>s</sup> hart & the other  
poor that is become Chargeble to s<sup>d</sup> town or act any thing  
thereon as the Shall think proper

5<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the town will take to Gitt  
m<sup>r</sup> paysons wood the present year or act any thing there-  
on as they shall think proper

6<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will allow such accounts as are  
Laid before them for service Done for s<sup>d</sup> town

7<sup>ly</sup> to see what sum or sums of money the town  
shall Raife to Defray there Necessary Charges the present  
year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will abate any persons Rates  
in any of the Collectors or Constables Lift that Cant be  
Collected . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Choofe a Saxon to take  
Care of the meeting House and Dig Graves or act any  
thing thereon as they shall think proper

10<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will Chofe a Committee to Repaire the meeting Houfe or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> to see if the town will fence the Buring place or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seal this first Day of september & in the year of our Lord A D. 1785

Oliver Stickney } Select men for  
Thomas Stearns } fitchburg

Worcester fs sept<sup>t</sup> ye 14<sup>th</sup> 1785

In obedience to the with in warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in town meetings to Afsemble and meet at the meeting houfe in fitchburg on the fifteenth Day of this Instant September

John Ferwell Constable

[267] At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg afsembled sept<sup>t</sup>m<sup>r</sup> ye 15<sup>th</sup> 1785

1<sup>st</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife 66-13-4 to support the Revn<sup>d</sup> M<sup>r</sup> Payfon the prefont year . . . . . £66-13- 4

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife forty five pounds to support the school the present year . . . . . 45- 0- 0

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to hire a Grammer school mafter for the town the said Gammer school to be keep<sup>t</sup> four monthſ & each Quarter to have there mounth the said Gramer school to begin in town Before December next . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Remaining part of the money to be school out in each Divition as uſal . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe six as a Committee to provide ſchooling in each part of ſaid town viz Thomas Cowden Efqr m<sup>r</sup> Reuben ſmith Liu<sup>t</sup> John putnum m<sup>r</sup> Joſeph Downe m<sup>r</sup> John Goodridge Doct Jonas marſhall . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife money to pay m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Ferwell for ſupporting mi<sup>s</sup> hart one whole year Eight pounds twelve ſhillings . . . . . 8-12- 0

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife money to pay m<sup>r</sup> Joseph Phelps for keeping Lydea williams one whole year at 2/ a week five pound four shillings . . . . . 5- 4- 0

9<sup>ly</sup> voted to Lett m<sup>r</sup> Payson wood out at the Loweft bidder the article being ajourned for the present . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife the money to pay M<sup>r</sup> William Hafkells account for bording Lydea williams 20 week . . . . . 3- 0- 0

11<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife the money to pay m<sup>r</sup> oliver stickneys accompt<sup>t</sup> for service Done as an affeffor & other matters two pound Eleven shillings 6<sup>d</sup> two acct<sup>t</sup> in . 2-11- 6

12<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife money to pay Phinehas Hartwell accounts which is four pound six shillings & Eight pence for service Done as an Affeffor, & other matters . 4- 6- 8

13<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife money to pay John Ferwell his accompt<sup>t</sup> to sherley with a warrant . . . . . 0- 6- 4

14 voted that thofe perfons that have Don service for the Town Lay there accompt<sup>ts</sup> before the selectmen to be agreed on & allowed before the meeting for Granting money to Difcharge the same and alfo the Collectors or Constables in any abatements on there Rate Bills are to be a bated By the affeffors for the futere

15<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow Thomas starnes account as an Affeffor & other matters & Raife the money for the same . . . . . 2-17-10

16<sup>ly</sup> voted to pafs over the seventh article for the Raifing of the whole sum of money to the ajournment till all the accounts are brought in and fetled for service Done for said town . . . . .

17<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Kimball saxon and to Dig the Graves for the town for the future

18<sup>ly</sup> voted that the selectmen Repair the meeting houle fourthwith as soon as may bee . . . . .

19<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Buring Place be Bounded out with Corners sett up and fenced in

20<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee of three men to agree on the bounds & set them up and alfo fence said Buring Place viz Joseph Fox Efqr Lu<sup>t</sup> Paul weatherbe and M<sup>r</sup> David Pratt to Confiit of said Committee . . . .

21<sup>st</sup> voted to ajourn this meeting Down to the house of Efqr Cowdens for one half hour then the town proceeded as followes vandued of m<sup>r</sup> paysons wood to John ferwell the Lowest bider

22<sup>ndly</sup> voted to allow Mr John ferwell five pound Eighteen shillings to provide theirty Cord of Good wood at m<sup>r</sup> paysons Dore to m<sup>r</sup> paysons acceptance . 5-18- 0 and Raifed the money for the same

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[268] 23<sup>ly</sup> voted to ajourn this meeting to wednesf Day the twenty Eight Day of this Instant September at one of the Clock in the after noon at the meeting house the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

September 28<sup>th</sup> 1785 the Town meet on the ajournment the meeting being opned then proceded as follows

24<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife the money to pay the Committee appointed for Repairing the Great Bridge and those persons that ware imployed in Gitting plank & Labour Done with other Necefsary articles of timber & string peaces for s<sup>d</sup> Bridge the account to the Committee amounting to thirteen pound Eighteen shillings as a Committee . . .

13-18-0

voted m<sup>r</sup> Elijah Garfield accompt<sup>t</sup> exclusive the other account above mentioned for service Done at y<sup>e</sup> Great Bridg Collecting workmen & his own Labour with two Day attending at Lunenburg on the Committee for Erecting a new County which sum is . . . . . 2-10-8

voted m<sup>r</sup> Ebenezer Thurftons accompt<sup>t</sup> for service Don at the Great Bridge imployed By the selectmen in the year 1783 which sum is . . . . . 1- 1-8

voted m<sup>r</sup> John Thurston Ju<sup>r</sup> accompt<sup>t</sup> for bording oliver Harrice six weeks while sent to school 2/ 7 week the town poor . . . . . 0-12-0

voted m<sup>r</sup> oliver Stickney account for three Days making highway taxes in april Exclusive the other account before mentioned which sum is . . . . . 0- 9-0

voted m<sup>r</sup> Ephraim Osburn account for Labour at the Great Bridge in the year 1783 which was not before allowed which sum is . . . . . 0- 5-4



voted m<sup>r</sup> Abner Sawyer acct<sup>t</sup> for Labour at the Great Bridge in the year 1783 for five Day & oxen & wheels one Day . . . . . pd 0-14-0 pd

voted Thomas Cowden Esq<sup>r</sup> account for service for the town at worcester & at Boston on account of a fine & sweeping y<sup>e</sup> meeting house one whole year & other matters with mitt williams being Carred out of town . . . 3-11-8

voted Esq<sup>r</sup> Foxes account for Rum & Suger at the Raifing of the Great Bridge 1783 . . . . . 0- 7-0

voted & Raife two Hundred and sixty Eight pounds six shillings & six pence to Defray Necessary Charges that have arisen by Notes & other Dues above mentioned to be paid into y<sup>e</sup> treasure including what was to Raife at the fifteenth of sepember 1785 at the first opening of the meeting which is one hundred & forty four pounds Eleven shillings & two pence together with the whole sum mentioned Discharging of Necessary Charges the whole amounting to . . . . . 268- 6-6

25<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Committee appointed for fencing the Buring yard Cause the same to be fenced as they shall think proper for the Best Intrest of the Town . . .

26<sup>ly</sup> voted this meeting to be Disolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[269] (seal) Worcester fs To Mr John Ferwell Constable for the Town of fitchburg Greeting

These are In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachusetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notifie & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting House in fitchburg on munday the sixth Day of march Next at ten of the Clock in the fore noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles to witt

frist—to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Choofe selectmen & other Town offercies as the Law Directs . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to Choofe Collectors to Collect the Publick taxes or act any thing there on as they shall think porper

4<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will accept of any Roads that are Laid out By the selectmen or there order . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Discontinue any Road or Roads which shall be Laid before the Town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to see what sum or sums of money the Town will Raife to keep the Highways & Bridges in Repair the prefent year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the Town will Take to support the poor that are become Chargeble to the town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will allow the swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law

9<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Choofe a Committee to settle with Mr Jacob upton with Regard to his money which he saith he Lent to the Town or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> to see what the Town will Do in Regard to Mr Nathan Badcocks Road being Shut up which was formerly Laid from s<sup>d</sup> Badcocks Land betwene Lev<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Pages Land & m<sup>r</sup> W<sup>m</sup> Harkell Land to the other Road or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will vote any thing with Regard to altering the seets in the meeting House for the use of the singers agreeable to a Requist of a Number of the Inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> town . . . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will vote that the Reven<sup>d</sup> Mr Payson to have Liberty to Preach at the westardly part of the Town any Part of the Time in the year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will abate one Minifter tax of Mr Thomas Parlmer in Daniel Ferwell Lift or act any thing there on as they shall think proper for 1780 . . .

Here of faile not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us on or before said Day & time above mentioned Given under our Hands

& seal this Thirteenth Day of this instant february & in the year of our Lord 1786 . . . . .

Oliver Stickney } Select men  
Thomas Stearns } for fitchburg

Worcester fs In obidence to the within warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders and other of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to assemble & meet at the Time & Place within mentioned

John Ferwell Constable.

Fitchburg March y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1786

[270] att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg assembled march y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> 1786 the meeting Being opned and Proceeded as follows . . . . .

first voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . . . . moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe three selectmen to serve for the present year

3<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam & Thomas stearns & Leu<sup>t</sup> Paul Weatherbee . . . . . selectmen

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe three affeffors for the present year

5<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam & m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Stearns & Lev<sup>t</sup> Paul weatherbee . . . . . affeffors

6<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . Clerk

7<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Treafurer . . . . . Town Treasurer

8<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Oliver stickney }  
Constable for the south side of s<sup>d</sup> Town

9<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Amos ordway Con- } Constable  
stable for the North side of s<sup>d</sup> Town

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to excuse M<sup>r</sup> Oliver stickney in serving as Collector to Collect the Publick taxes for the present year for his paying in his ten Dollars hard money into the Town as the Towns property

11<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe two wardens for the present year viz m<sup>r</sup> Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> & m<sup>r</sup> John Ferwell . . wardans

12<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mr Joseph simons & Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartwell as Tythingmen . . . . . Tythingmen

13<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mr John Goodridge & Mr Hezekiah Hodgskins & Mr John Ferwell & Mr Blaney Phillips Mr Phinehas Brown Mr Abraham willard Joseph Polley Elijah Garfield Jacob Gibson & Mr Abraham Jaquith . . surveyours of Highways & Collectors for the same

14<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mr Thomas Hilton & Mr Jefse French & Sam<sup>ll</sup> Berry . . . . . Hogreves

15 voted & Choofe Jofhua Parce & Phinehas Browns fire wards . . . . . fire wards

16 voted & Choofe John upton suryeours of shingles & Clabords & Boards . . shingles & Clabords suryeour

17<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan wood suryeor of Hoops & staves . . . . surveyour of Hoops & staves

18<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mr Afa Perrey & Mr Jacob Upton fence vewers . . . . . fence vewers

19<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mr David Parce sealer of weights & meafurers . . . . . sealer of weights & measurers

20<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mr Oliver Brown a sealer of Leather . . . . . sealer of Leather

21 voted to pafs over the Third article in the warrant in Regard to Choofing Collectors at the Present or till the meeting on the adjournment

22<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of a two Rod Road Laid out By the select men By the Request of Mr Abraham Willard the said willard Engages the Land Given for said Road Beginning at s<sup>d</sup> willard Dwelling Houfe Runing Eastardly through the Lot of Land formerly owned By Cap<sup>t</sup> samuell ward & others to the south west Corner of the widow whit Combs Land so Called to the Rode Leading to Mr Reubens Smiths the above mentioned Road to be a Bridle Road the treefe marked principle on the North side of said Rode Laid out By the Select men By the Request of Mr Abraham Willard February 14<sup>th</sup> 1786

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[271] 23<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of a Two Rod Road Newly Laid out Beginning on the North end of oak Hill

Runing 30 Rods on the Land of Daniel ferwell to the Land of samuell Harrice then on said Harrices Land till it Comes out By said Harrices House the Land Given By the owners of said Lands the old Road is to be Dif-continued when the New Road is made pasable this Road Laid out by order of the selectmen March y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1786

Joseph Downe sam<sup>ll</sup> Harrice impowered

24<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raifed one Hundred & fifty pounds to keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the present year . . . . . £150-0-0

25<sup>ly</sup> voted that the money Raifed for the Highway Be worked out in the same manner as was voted Laft year in Regard to the Hour & the ox Labour & tools for the service the present year at the highways . . . .

26<sup>ly</sup> voted & Chooſe the Highway surveyours Collectors to Collect the tax that are not worked out & see it is put to the uſe of the highway service work . . . .

27<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Loweſt Bidder ſhall be intituled the priveledge of keeping the poor on the towns Coſt Either by the week or the year . . . .

28<sup>ly</sup> voted to Give m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Ferwell ten pounds ſix ſhillings to keepe mi<sup>s</sup> Hart for one whole year ſo in propotion if ſhee ſhould not Live the year out . . £10-6- 0-0

29<sup>ly</sup> voted to Give M<sup>r</sup> Joſeph Phelps one Shilling & ten pence per week for the Boarding and Lodging Lydea williams the towns poor . . . . . £0-1-10-

30<sup>th</sup> voted that the ſwine Go at Large the present year under the Regulation of the Law

31<sup>st</sup> voted to Chooſe three men as a Committee to ſettle with M<sup>r</sup> Jacob upton in Regard to his money Lent to the Town . . . .

32<sup>ly</sup> voted Doct Jonas Marſhall & M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Garfield & M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perrey as a Committee to ſettle with m<sup>r</sup> upton in Regard to his money Lent to the Town in the Time of war & make Report to the Town on the meeting on the adjournment . . . .

33<sup>rdly</sup> voted to paſs over the article in Regard to M<sup>r</sup> Nathan Badcocks Road till the meeting on the adjournment . . . .



34<sup>ly</sup> voted to have the frunt Gallery made Covenant for the singers provided they Dow it on there own Coft for that use . . . . .

35<sup>ly</sup> voted to pafs over the 12 article in Regard to Mr Payfons Gowing to Preach at the weft part of the Town till the meeting on the adjournment . . . .

36<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate Tho<sup>s</sup> Parmler Minifter Rate in Daniel ferwell Lift in the year 1780

37<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the Houfe of Efqr Cowdens for one ½ hour

38<sup>ly</sup> voted to Difmifs Mr Amos Ordway from serving Highway surveyour he being Choofe into that office . . . .

39<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Loweft Bidders May be the Collectors to serve the prefent year for each side of the Town to Collect the Publick taxes they finding Good Bondsmen to the acceptance of the town for there faithfull Difcharge of there Duty as a Collector . . . . .

40<sup>th.ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to the sixteenth Day of this infant march two one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting Houfe this meeting adjourned accordingly . . . . .

March ye 16<sup>th</sup> 1786 the Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opned & proceeded to the Buifeness of the Day

41 voted & accepted of the Committees Report in Regard to the settlement with m<sup>r</sup> Jacob upton & allowed m<sup>r</sup> upton Eleven shillings & four pence as his Due

42 voted to Difmifs the 12 article in the warrant Refpecting m<sup>r</sup> payfons Going to preach at the weft part of the Town in any part of the year . . . . .

[272] 43<sup>rdly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the Houfe of Efqr Cowdens for one half Hour the meeting Being opned & proceeded to the Buifeness of s<sup>d</sup> meeting for the Gitting Collectors moved for a Collector for the south side of said town & was put up to ye Loweft Bider and was struck of to m<sup>r</sup> Reuben smith at three pound one shillings & Nine pence on the Hundred pound for Collecting the publick taxes the prefent year he finding Sufficient Bondsmen to the acceptance of the town

44<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mr Reuben smith Colletor for the south side of s<sup>d</sup> Town for the present year & to allow him the three pound one shilling & Nine pence on the Hundred pound he shall Collect & accepted of Mr Jacob upton & Do<sup>ct</sup> Jonas marfhall as Bondsmen for said Reuben smith for his being faithfull in the Discharg of his Duty as a Colletor in Collecting the publick taxes that shall be Committed to him to Collect & pay y<sup>e</sup> same into the several treasurers as ordred By the Assessors of s<sup>d</sup> town

45<sup>th</sup> article voted & accepted of Mr Reuben smith to serve Constable in the Room of Mr oliver stickney the present year for the whole town in that office . . .

46<sup>ly</sup> voted to Dismifs Amos Ordway from serving Constable for the North side of s<sup>d</sup> town

47<sup>th</sup> article voted to adjourn this meeting to the twentyth Day of this instant march which is munday to the meeting House at Nine of the Clock in the morning this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

March y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1786 the Town meet according to the Day adjourned to & Proceeded to the Buifeness of the Day the meeting being opned

48<sup>th</sup> article voted & Reconfidered the vote for Dismifing Mr amos ordway for serving Constable for the North side of said town & Choofe him a New for that office to serve the present year and excused the said amos ordway from serving Colleter to Collect the publick taxes for his paying in ten Dollars to the Town as the towns property to hire a Colletor for the North side of said town the present year in the Room of s<sup>d</sup> ordway . . . . .

49<sup>th</sup> arti voted that Mr Nathan Badcock & Mr William Haskell have the Liberty to work out there Highway tax in making a stone wall on one side of the Highway Leading from said Badcocks Land to the Road that Leads from Lev<sup>t</sup> Pages to the town on the south side of said Road at two shillings a Rod for Building said wall till there High way tax is worked out at that price & the wall finished

50<sup>th.ly</sup> voted & Choofe m<sup>r</sup> Thomas Cowden Ju<sup>r</sup> assessor for the present year to affist the making the publick taxes

51<sup>st</sup> article voted to allow Mr Afeph Goodridge his Highway tax the present year for keeping or making the Gates on the way from said Goodridges Land to the Great Road that Leads to the meeting House through m<sup>r</sup> Burnhams Lands

52<sup>nd</sup> arti voted to adjourn this meeting to munday the twenty seventh Day of this instant march at the meeting house at four a Clock in the after noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

[273] 27<sup>th</sup> of march 1786 The Town meet on the adjournment according to the Time and the meeting being opned & proseeded to y<sup>e</sup> Buifeness of y<sup>e</sup> Day

53<sup>rd</sup> ly voted & Choofe Mr Thomas Starns moderator in the Room of m<sup>r</sup> Daniel Putnam s<sup>d</sup> Putnam being Necessarily absnt then Recived m<sup>r</sup> ordways Note for his being excused serving Collector of ten Dollars for his time

54 voted to adjourn this meeting to april the 3<sup>d</sup> Day at the meeting house at two of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . . .

april y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1786 The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting being opned & proceeded to the Buifeness of the Day . . . . .

55<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to half an hour after five a Clock of s<sup>d</sup> Day in y<sup>e</sup> after noon by Reafon that the people not being Collected after the people bing affembled . . . . .

56 arti voted to adjourn this meeting Down to the House of Esqr Cowdens for one half hour the meeting Being opned & proceded as followes it was moved to put up the Collector for the North side of said town it being Bid of to Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartwell for four pound six shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay into the treasurer By order

57<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartwell Collector for the North side of s<sup>d</sup> town for the year 1786 and also Deacon John Thurston & Elijah Garfield as Bondsman for said Hartwells faithfull Discharge of his office as Collector for said year in paying such taxes as shall be Com-

mitted to him to Collect to the treafurers as ordered for the State & Town & County By the affeffors

58<sup>arti</sup> voted to Give Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartwell four pounds six shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay into the several treafurers as shall be ordred By the affeffors of s<sup>d</sup> town

this Meeting Difsolved

Daniel Putnam moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcefter fs To Mr Reuben smith Conftable for y<sup>e</sup> Town of fitchburg Greeting

In the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachu-  
setts thefe are to Require you agreeable to Law to Noti-  
fie and warn all the male inhabitance of said Town Being  
twenty one years of age & upwards having anuel income  
of three pound or any other Eftate to the value of sixty  
pounds to affemble and meet at the meeting Houfe in said  
fitchburg on Munday the third Day of april next at three  
of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly  
meet & formed to act on y<sup>e</sup> following articles

first to Bring your votes for a Governor

2<sup>ly</sup> to Bring in your votes for a Lev<sup>t</sup> Governor

3<sup>ly</sup> to Bring in your votes for five Senators

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with  
your Doings there on to some one of us on or before said  
Day Given under our Hand & seal this twentyth Day of  
march 1786 . . . . Daniel Putnam } selectmen for  
Paul weatherbee } Fitchburg

April y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1786 In obedience to the within warrant  
I have Notified & warned all the male inhabitance of the  
Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in the within  
mentioned meeting att the time & Place within Directed

Reuben Smith Constable

[274] att a Legal Meeting of the inhabitance of the  
Town of Fitchburg afsembled April the third 1786 the  
Meeting being opned

the following Gentlemen voted for as follows for a Governor

		votes	
first	for his Excellency James Bordwine Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	} Governor
	for the Honourable Thomas Chufhen Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	
	for the Honourable Samuelli Holton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	12	

The following Gentlemen voted for Lev<sup>t</sup> Governor

		votes	
first	for the Hon <sup>ll</sup> Thomas Chufhen Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	1	} L <sup>t</sup> Governor
	for the Hon <sup>ll</sup> Samuelli Holton Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	4	
	for the Hon <sup>ll</sup> Oliver Prescott Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	11	

The following Gentlemen voted for senators

first	for Abel Willder . . . . .	Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	18	} Senators
	for sam <sup>ll</sup> Curtifs . . . . .	Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	17	
	for John Fezenton . . . . .	Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	17	
	for General Larnard . . . . .		17	
	for Jonathan Grout . . . . .	Esq <sup>r</sup> . . . . .	13	
	for Josiah Stearns . . . . .		4	

this meeting Dissolved Attest

Daniel Putnam	} select men
Thomas stearns	
Paul weatherbee	

Attest—Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester Is To Reuben smith Constable for the Town of fitchburg in the County afore said . . . . Greeting . . . .

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts to will & Require you forthwith to Notifie all the male Inhabitanc of fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards having a free hold Estate of the annual income of three pounds or any Estate of sixty pounds to assemble and meet at the meeting House in fitchburg on thurfsday the Eighteenth Day of this instant may at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to wit

[275] first to see if the Town will Elect and Depute any person to serve for and Represent them in the Great



an General Court or affemblem to be held in this Commonwealth on the Laft wednefsday in may agreable to the Conftitution or act any thing there on as they fhall think proper

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day and time above mentioned Given under our hand & feal at fitchburg the firft Day of may in the year of our Lord 1786

Daniel Putnam	} Selectmen of fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	
Paul wetherbee	

May y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1786 In Obedience to this warrant I have warned all the Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings as within mentioned to meet at the time & place Directed . . . . .

Ruben Smith Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg affembled on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of this instant may 1786 y<sup>e</sup> meeting Being opned & the vote Being put to see if the Town will elect & Depute any perfon to serve for and Represent them in y<sup>e</sup> Great an General Court & it paffed in the Negative . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(feal) Worcefter fs To Mr Reuben smith Constable for the Town of fitchburg in the County of worcefter aforesaid Greeting . . . . .

Thefe are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachufetts to will and Require you fourthwith to Notifie all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in town meetings to affemble & meete at the meeting Houfe in fitchburg on Thurfday the Eighteenth Day of this Instant may at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there Being Duely meet & formed to act on the following articles

firft to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> to Bring your votes for a County Treasurer a Greable to a warrant Directed to the selectmen of said Town . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Dispose of the old paper money that is in the Hand of the Treasurer of said Town or act any thing there on as they shall Think proper . .

Here of fail not make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seal this first Day of this instant may in the year of our Lord 1786

Daniel Putnam	} selectmen for Fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	
Paul Weatherbee	

May y<sup>e</sup> 15 1786 In obedience to this warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitation of the town of fitchburg to affemble and meet at the Time & place within mentioned . . . .

Reuben smith Constable

[276] At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitation of the Town of fitchburg affembled on Thursday y<sup>e</sup> Eighteenth Day of this Instant May 1786

first voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden Esqr Moderator of s<sup>d</sup> Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted for the following Gentlemen for the County Treasurer

viz	Timothy Pain Esqr	No votes 13
	Mr Nathan Perry . . .	votes 25

3<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Selectmen take the old Contentental paper money into there Custedy to Dispose of the same at the Best advantage they Can for the Interest of the Town that is Now in the hands of the Treasurer of s<sup>d</sup> Town

4<sup>ly</sup> voted this meeting to be Disolved

Thomas Cowden Moderator  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

May y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> 1786

Mr Daniel Ferwell of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> Town that he hath taken into Town the widow Lucy Ferwell and four Children Namely Lucy Luther John & Daniel Laft from Newipswich in the state of Newhamfhire we the selectmen of the Town of fitchburg Do not admitt of s<sup>d</sup> family or Receive them as Inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> Town but Desire they may Remove to there Native Place of abroad for Residence & order the above Declarition to Be entered on the Town Records the above Named perfons Came to town at the above Date

Pr order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Auguft y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1786 Mr Jofeph Farnsworth of s<sup>d</sup> Fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> town that he hath taken into town to my houle Benjamin Eaton & Lydia his wife & one Child Namly Afa all Laft from Lunenburg we the selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> Town Do not admitt of the above Named perfons or Recive them as Inhabitance of s<sup>d</sup> town but Desire them to Remove to there Native Place of abroad for Residence & support & Do order the above Declaration Entred on the Book of Records the above Named perfons Came to town the fourth Day of July 1786

Pr order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

April y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1786 Dr Jonas Marfhall of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath taken into his family the widow Rebekah Chaffin she Came to Town y<sup>e</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> of may 1785 Laft from acton we the selectmen Do not admit her as an Inhabitant of s<sup>d</sup> Town but Desire her to Remove to her Native place of abroad for Refedence & support & Do order the same to be Recorded on the Book of Records

Pr order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[277] (seal) Worcefter fs To Reuben smith Constable for the town of fitchburg in the County of worcefter Greeting . . . . .

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Mafsachufetts to will and Require you in Due Courfe of

Lawe to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the meeting House in said Town on munday the Tenth Day of July Next at five of the Clock in the after noon then & there being Duely meet & formend to act on the following articles

first to Choofe a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will vote the affessors Harmlefs for not making up the state Tax which they have Lately Recived a tax bill for while the Town Can know whether there potition to the General Can have a hearing or not

Here of fail not make Due Return of this warrant with your Doings there on to some one of us on or before the s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hands & seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of June A D 1786

Daniel Putnam } selectmen for  
Paul wetherbee } fitchburg

July 10<sup>th</sup> 1786 In obedance to the within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town Meeting to affemble and meet at the meeting house in s<sup>d</sup> fitchburg at the time within Directed

Reuben smith Conftable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg affembled on Munday y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Day of July 1786

first voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn said meeting to the second tuef-day of auguft Next at one of the Clock in the after noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Auguft y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1786 the Town meet on the adjournment in said Day & proceeded to the Bufinefs in hand the meeting being opned a motion put to Diffolve s<sup>d</sup> meeting

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Difsolve s<sup>d</sup> meeting the meeting is accordingly Difsolved

Afa Perry moderator  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

August y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1786 Mr John knights of fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath Taken into his House in fitchburg one Poter Davice & Hannah his wife & Hannah Davice there Daughter all Laft from Jeffery in the state of New hamfhire they came to Town y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Day of may 1786 we the selectmen of s<sup>d</sup> Town Do Not admitt of said perfons as Inhabitants of said Town but Desire them to Remove to there Native place of abroad for Refedence & support & Do order the same to be Recorded in the book of Records

Pr order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 1787 Mr Benjamin Danforth of Fitchburg Gave Notice to the selectmen of said Town that he hath Brought into Town one Betfy Noney she was Born in Lexonton she Came to the Town of Fitchburg in the month of May 1784 we the select men of said Town Do Not admit of said perfon as an inhabitant of said Town but Desire Her to Remove fourthwith to her Native place of abroad for Refidence & support and Do order the same to be Recorded in the Book of Records

Pr order Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[278] Worcefter Is To Reuben Smith Constable for  
(seal) the Town of fitchburgh Greeting These are in the  
(seal) Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts  
(seal) to will & Require in Due Course of Law to Notifie  
and warn all y<sup>e</sup> freeholders and other Inhabitance  
of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in  
Town meetings to affemble and meet at the Meeting  
House in fitchburg on Tuseday the twelvth Day of Sep-  
tember Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then  
& there Being Duly meet & formed to act on the follow-  
ing article viz

- 1 to Chooſe a moderator to Govern said meeting . .
- 2<sup>ly</sup> to Raiſe money to support y<sup>e</sup> Revernd John pay-  
ſon . . . .
- 3<sup>ly</sup> to see what sum or sums of money shall Be  
Raifed to support the school & to see what way it shall



be Laid out or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to support Mi<sup>s</sup> Hart and other poor that has become Chargeble to s<sup>d</sup> Town . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see what methord the Town will take to Gitt m<sup>r</sup> payfons wood the Infuing year or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will allow such accounts as shall be Laid before them for service Done for s<sup>d</sup> Town

7<sup>ly</sup> to see what sum or Sums of Money the Town will Raife to Defray there Necefsary Charges the present year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Abate any Persons Rates in any of the Conftables or Collectors Lift that Cant Be Collected . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Choofe a Committee to Recon with the Town treafurer & make a Report there of to the Town . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> to Choofe a saxon to take Care the meeting houle and Digg the Graves for the present year . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Choofe a Committee to meafure the Town in order to affertain the Number of acres it Contains. . . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Raife a sum of money to mend the County Road from Josep Polleys to westminster Line or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

13<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town move the meeting Houfe or Build a New one in the Center of the Town or in the Neareft Convanent place or act any thing there on as they shall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrand with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day & time above mentioned Given under our hand & seals at fitchburg this twentieth Day of auguft A D 1786

Daniel Putnam	} Select men
Thomas Stearns	
Paul wetherbee	

Sept<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1786 In Obediance to the within warrant I have Notifid all the freeholders and other inhabi-

tance of the Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meeting to affemble & meet at time & Place within Directed

Reuben smith Conftable

[279] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of fitchburg Affembled Sept<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1786 the meeting Being opned & proceeded as forlowes . . .

first voted & Choofe Phinehas Sawyer J<sup>ur</sup> Moderator of said Meeting . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife 66-13-4 to support the Revernd John payfon a year . . . . . £66-13-4

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife £45 to support the school in Each Quarter of the Town . . . . . 45- 0-0

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe five perfons for a Committee to provide schooling in each Quarter of the Town the school money to be Laid out in Each Quarter of the Town as ufal the Committee are as followes M<sup>r</sup> Joſeph Phelps Abijah Goodridge Daniel Ferwell Joſeph Fox phinehas ſawyer J<sup>ur</sup> Reuben Gibson J<sup>ur</sup> aded . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife £15-2-4 to support Mi<sup>s</sup> Hart & Lydea williams already put out to Board to pay Daniel farwell Joſeph Phelps one whole year . . . . £15-2-4

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to paſs over Gitting M<sup>r</sup> payſons wood till the adjournment of the meeting . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to paſs over the ſixth article in Regard to allowing accompts and the accompts to be Laid before the ſelectmen to Examine there Clames that they may be Juſt & approved of for allowance . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to abate oliver Davices Rate in Capt Burbank Lift 1783 & John ferwells Lift for the year 1784 . .

9<sup>ly</sup> voted to ſuſpend the Eighth article on accompt<sup>t</sup> of abating Rates till the adjournment of the meeting . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to Recon with the Treafurer viz Oliver Stickney Thomas Stearns Daniel Putnam . . . . .

11 voted & Choofe Ephraim Kimball to take Care the meeting houſe and Digg the Graves till a Nother be Choofen in his Room . . .

12 voted to pass over the article in Regard to mending the County Road by m<sup>r</sup> Jacob uptons to the Town Line . . . .

13 voted to build a New meeting house in the Center of the Town or the Nearest Convenient Place to the Center . . . .

14<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty sixth Day of this Instant September at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Sept 26 1786 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opened and proceed as follows . . . .

15 voted to Raise two Hundred & fifty pounds to Discharge the Minister and school & pay for the poor & all Necessary Charges By Dues and accounts . . .

16 voted to Raise Thirty pound to be Laid out on the County Road between Joseph Polleys & the Town Line, exclusive

Towns money 250-0-0

High way money 30-0-0

17 voted to Choose five men to over see that the thirty pounds be faithfully worked out on s<sup>d</sup> Road . . .

18 voted & Choose for s<sup>d</sup> Committee Abraham Jaquith Hezekiah Hodgkins Asa Perry Reuben smith Phinehas Brown

19 voted to abate abiather Eaton poll tax in Asa perry Rate Bill for the year 1785

[280] 20<sup>ly</sup> voted the Money Raised for the Highway be Laid out by the Direction of the Committee or over Sears

21 voted to abate Aaron Eaton poll Tax for the year 1783 in Capt Burbank Lifts . . . .

22 Voted to abate James French poll tax in Capt Burbank Rate Bill which sum is . . . . . £1- 3-4

23 voted to abate Joel Hale Poll Tax in Cap<sup>t</sup> samuell Burbank Lift which sum is . . . . . 1- 3-4

24 voted to abate Benjamin Stewards poll Tax in Cap<sup>t</sup> samuell Burbank tax Bill which sum is . . 1- 3-4

25 voted & Choof Phinehas Hartwell & Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> to make up and propotion the Thirty pounds Raifed to mend the highway By the other High way Rate Bill to Each person that was made Laft fpring

26 voted that Mr Payfons Wood Be Lotted out into six Lotts and Let out at the Loweft Bidder a Cord by Lott the wood to be Cut Cord wood Length & Corded up at the House of m<sup>r</sup> payfons

No one. bid of by Leu<sup>t</sup> Paul wetherbee at five shillings a Cord

No two Bid of by Mr Joseph Phelps at five shillings a Cord

No three Bid of By m<sup>r</sup> Daniel wetherbee at four shillings & ten pence Cord

No four Bid of By s<sup>d</sup> Daniel weatherbee at four shillings & ten pence a Cord

No five Bid of By s<sup>d</sup> Daniel weatherbee at four shillings & ten pence

No six Bid of By s<sup>d</sup> Daniel wetherbee at four shillings a Coard

voted to Defolve this meeting the meeting Disolved accordingly

Phinehas Sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Sept<sup>t</sup> 26 1786 sundrey accounts prefented to the select men and Approved of By them & Returned to the Clerk to be put on Record are as followes

Mr Oliver Stickneys accompt <sup>t</sup> for service affeing,	
& other matters . . . . .	£ 1- 8 6
Due to Daniel Ferwell allowed at s <sup>d</sup> meeting	
by y <sup>e</sup> selectmen . . . . .	0-14-10
Joseph Sawyer for smithing & other work for	
the Town . . . . .	0- 8 5
Due to Phinehas Hartwell for serving treafurer two years and ½ & as an affeffor to making Rates & other service. . . . .	11- 4- 0
Due to Thomas Stearns for Affeffor and other service . . . . .	3-13- 6
Due to Reuben smith for service for s <sup>d</sup> Town .	0- 6- 0
the above accounts voted to be paid By the Town	

[281] Worcester Is To Reuben Smith Conftable for  
 (seal) the Town of fitchburg in the County of worcefter  
 (seal) Greeting Thefe are In the Name of the Common-  
 (seal) wealth of the Maffachufetts to will & Require you  
 fourthwith By verble Notice to Notifie & warn all  
 the freeholders and other Inhabitance of the Town of  
 fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to  
 affemble & meet at the meeting houfe in fitchburg on  
 Tufeday the twelveth Day of this Instant Sept<sup>t</sup> at four of  
 the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet  
 & formed to act on the following articles viz

frft to Chooſe a moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the Town will vote that the affeſſors may  
 Committ the Taxes to Reuben ſmith without any bonds-  
 man as the Bondsmen that the town Accepted Refuſe to  
 ſign the Bonds that are preſented to them or act any thing  
 there on as they ſhall think proper

Here of fail not and make Return of this warrant  
 with your Dowings thereon to ſome one of us on or  
 before ſaid Day Given under our hands & ſeal this fourth  
 Day of Sept<sup>t</sup> A D 1786

Daniel Putnam	} ſelectmen for fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	
Paul weatherbee	

At a Legal meeting of the Inhabitance of the Town of  
 fitchburg affembled Sept<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1786 . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> voted & Chooſe Mr Phinehas ſawyer J<sup>ur</sup> Moderator  
 of ſaid meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Affeſſors Committ the ſtate tax to  
 Reuben ſmith Conftable and all other affeſſments for the  
 ſouth ſid of s<sup>d</sup> Town that may be affeſſed this preſent  
 year without a bondsman To Collect & pay where ordred  
 this Meeting Diſſolved

Phinehas ſawyer J<sup>ur</sup> Moderator  
 Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[282] Fitchburg Sept 22<sup>nd</sup> 1786 Then Reckned &  
 ſettled Phinehas Hartwell Town Treafurer for the years  
 from 1784 to the above Date . . . . .



we Find in the Hands of the several Conftables & Collectors hereafter mentioned the following sums viz

We Finde in the Hands of Jonathan Holt Conftable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1778 . . . . . 5-13- 6-3

we find that Mr James Patterfon Conftable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1779 hath over paid his Colletion for s<sup>d</sup> year By abatements on s<sup>d</sup> Lifts By the Town one pound one shilling four pence one fathling . . . . . 1- 1- 4-1

we finde a state Recept Towns property for y<sup>e</sup> year 1780 Dated April 28<sup>th</sup> 1781 in the Treafurers hand aganst Phinehas Hartwell the Remains Due at this settlement . . . 38- 9 8 -

one minifter Rate bill y<sup>t</sup> Due in the hands of s<sup>d</sup> Hartwell . . . . . 13 19 0 -

we find in the Hand of Daniel Ferwell Conftable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1780 Town tax . . . . . 48- 4 1-1

we find in the Hand of samuel Burbank Collector for the year 1781 to 1783 . . . . 34- 5- 2-3

Due on a state Recipt<sup>t</sup> in the hand of the treafurer Dated June 13 1782 alfo one Minifter Rate bill for y<sup>e</sup> year 1783 in part Due . . 1- 7- 7 -

& alfo one souldier Rate bill for y<sup>e</sup> year 1782 not settled y<sup>e</sup> sum of . . . . . 90-16- 0-2

we find in the hand of Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson Collector in y<sup>e</sup> year 1781 Town tax . . . 55- 2-11-1

and alfo a state Recipt Town property Due from s<sup>d</sup> Gibson Dated June 14<sup>th</sup> 1782 . . 32-18- 6 -

we find in the Hand of Josefph Phelps Collector for y<sup>e</sup> year 1782 Town Tax . . . . . 9-15- 8-1

and alfo one minifter Rate bill yet Due for y<sup>e</sup> year 1782 . . . . . 37- 5-10-0

and one souldier bill not settled for s<sup>d</sup> year . 89-15-11-3

we find in the Hand of Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartwell Conftable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1783 town tax . . 18- 4- 0 -

we find in y<sup>e</sup> hand of John Ferwell Conftable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1784 Town tax . . . . . 13-10- 6-3

we find in y<sup>e</sup> hand of De<sup>a</sup> John Thurfton Collector for y<sup>e</sup> year 1784 Town tax . . . 15-11- 4-1

we find in y<sup>e</sup> hand of Phinehas sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> Collector for y<sup>e</sup> year 1785 Town tax . . . 72- 2- 5 -

also one minifter Rate bill for the year 1785

yet Due . . . . . 27- 1- 1-1  
 we find in the hand of Afa Perry Collector  
 for y<sup>e</sup> year 1785 Town Tax . . . . . 103- 7- 3 -  
 & also one minifter Rate for y<sup>e</sup> year 1785 . . 34- 1- 6-2  
 the Treafurer is to Be allowed six pound four  
 shilling for money Borrowed for s<sup>d</sup> Town  
 Due to s<sup>d</sup> Treafurer in the settlement . . 6- 4- 0-0

we find the following Notes in the Treafurers  
 hand Due from the following perfons

one Note Dated April 2 1781 signed by Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 Burbank . . . . . £3-12- 0  
 one Note Dated march 9 1781 signed by Cap<sup>t</sup>  
 Reuben Gibson . . . . . 3-12- 0  
 second Note Dated march 17 1783 signed By  
 Cap<sup>t</sup> Burbank . . . . . 3-12- 0  
 one Note Dated march 15 1784 signed By Jo-  
 seph polley . . . . . 3- 0- 0  
 one Note Dated may 16 1783 signed By Tho<sup>s</sup>  
 Hartwell . . . . . 3-12- 0  
 one Note Dated signed By francis fullam . . 2- 2- 0  
 one Note Dated april 8 1784 signed by Jn<sup>o</sup>  
 ferwell . . . . . 3- 0- 0  
 one Note Dated april 4 1785 signed by Jon<sup>a</sup>  
 Page . . . . . 3- 0- 0  
 one Note Dated march 27 1786 sign<sup>d</sup> by Amos  
 ordway . . . . . 3- 0- 0  
 Oliver Stickney }  
 Thomas Stearns } Committee  
 Daniel Putnam }

Laid before the Town & Accepted at sept<sup>t</sup> 26 1786 . .  
 Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[283] Worcester fs

(seal) To Reuben Smith Conftable for the Town of  
 (seal) fitchburg in the County of worcester Greeting  
 These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of  
 Mafsachufetts to will and Require you in Due Courfe of

Law to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town on wednesday y<sup>e</sup> fifteenth Day of this Instant November at one of the Clock in the after Noon on s<sup>d</sup> Day then & there being Duly meet & form<sup>ed</sup> to act on the following articles . . . . .

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . .

2<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the Town will Take to support Ephr<sup>m</sup> smith and his family which the Town of worcester hath Lately turned upon the Town of fitchburg for a support or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town of fitchburg will take any Lawfull Method to Gitt Red of supporting the said Ephr<sup>m</sup> and his family & Choofe a Committee for that purpose or act any thing theiron as they shall think proper

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant to some or one of us on or before s<sup>d</sup> Day

Given under our Hand & seals this first Day of November A D 1786

Daniel Putnam	} selectmen for Fitchburg
Paul weatherbee	

Worcester fs Nov<sup>m</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1786

By vertue of this warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Quallified By Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting house at the time within Directed

Reuben Smith Conftable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg assembled Nov<sup>m</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1786 the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

first voted & Choofe Esqr Cowden Moderator of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted that Ephr<sup>m</sup> Smiths and family be Supported by Putting out to the Lowest Bidder by the week . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> voted that the second article in the warrant be omitted till the evining for vanduing

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to Carrey into Execution the Cause of Ephr<sup>m</sup> Smith and family being thrown on the Town of fitchburg for support and to Releve said town from s<sup>d</sup> family . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe three persons as a Committee for the above porpose . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe De<sup>a</sup> Daniel Putnam Dr Jonas Marshall & Esqr Cowden for said Committee to Carry the Matter into Execution . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to the House of Esqr Cowdins for one half Hour the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows the second article taken in hand

[284] the second article taken in hand the vandue opned Proceeded as follows

Jonas Smith Bid of by Mr Joseph Phelps for 1/9 p<sup>r</sup> week Board & Lodge

Ifarel Smith Bid of By m<sup>r</sup> Blaney Phillips for 1/11 p<sup>r</sup> week Bord & Lodge

The woman & the youngest Child Bid of by Capt Jonathan wood for 3/10 p<sup>r</sup> week to support

Ephraim Smith Bid of By Capt<sup>t</sup> Jonathan wood for 5/6 p<sup>r</sup> week to support

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow Capt<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood 3/6 for moving said Ephr<sup>m</sup> & wife & Child to his house with there furniture . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow Col<sup>o</sup> Ebenezer Bridge 6/ for the use of his house for s<sup>d</sup> smiths family while he ware Supported there . . . .

voted to Difsolve this meeting . . . .

Thomas Cowden Esqr Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To Reuben smith Constable for ye

(seal) Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting These

are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Maffachusetts to will & Require you forth with in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and other of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By

Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meete at the meeting House in s<sup>d</sup> Town Tuesday the sixteenth Day of January Instant at one of the Clock in the af after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz . . . . .

1<sup>ly</sup> to Chooſe a moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Here the Addreſs Read that was ſent from the Great & General Court of this Commonwealth as is Directed in ſaid addreſs . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to Purchaſe Certificates to make Good ſuch abatements as have been or muſt be abated

4<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the Town will Excuse and Diſmiſs any of the Late Committee Chooſe to Gitt Read of Ephraim Smith & family or add any perſon or perſons more to ſaid Committee or act any thing there on as they ſhall think proper

5<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the Town will petition to the Governor & Counſell in behalf of the Infurgents or Regulators as they Call them ſelves or act any thing thereon as they ſhall think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowling thereon to ſome one of us on or before ſaid Day Given under our hand & ſeals this firſt Day of January A D. 1787 . . . . .

Daniel Putnam } ſelectmen  
Thomas Stearns }

[285] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg affembled on Tuesday the ſixteenth Day of January 1787 the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

1<sup>ly</sup> voted & Chooſe Mr Kendall Boutell moderator of ſaid meeting . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> proceeded according to the Directions of the ſecond article in the warrant to Reed the addreſs before the Town that Came from the General Court . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Chooſe a Committee to Purchaſe Certificates to Diſcharge the abatements made or muſt be made in the ſtate tax in the ſeveral Collectors Lifts as Cheepe to the beſt advantage of the Town . . . . .



4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choose three persons as a Committee viz the present selectmen to purchase said Certificates as Cheepe a may be for the advantage of the Town . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to petition to the Government to have the Courts of Common plea and of the sessions be suspended till the Choice of a New Representative House for the may sessions for a Nother year

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to petition to Government to Liberate Capt shattick and others that are apprehended By Government on there promising to behave peaceable and faithfull subjects to this Commonwealth

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to petition to the Government that the people may have the privelidge of the writ habeas Corpus

9<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choose three persons for a Committee to Draw a petition to send to the General Court for the above purpose viz Phinehas Hartwell Elijah willard & Ephraim Kimball . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting till the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of this instant January at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . .

January y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1787 the Town meet according to the adjournment & the meeting being opened & proceeded as follows the petition being several times Reed before the Town . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> the Town voted to accept of the petition Drawn by the Committee & have it sent to the General Court

Likewise the meeting Dissolved

Kendall Boutell Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Mr Afa Perry of the Town of Fitchburg Gave Notice To The Selectmen of said Town That one seaser Hammond and wife & four Children viz Levi & Perley & patty & marcy moved into the Town of Fitchburg on the Eighteenth Day of March 1787 moved Laft from the Town of Sterling which we the selectmen of Fitchburg Do not admitt of said family as Town Inhabitants But Do order & Desire said persons to Remove forthwith to their Native Place of Resedance for support & Do order the same to be

put on the Book of Records of their Not being admitted as inhabitants

¶ order

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

December 20<sup>th</sup> 1787

[286] (seal) Worcester fs To Reuben smith Constable for the Town of fitchburg Greeting These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts to will and Require you fourthwith in Due Corfe of Law to Notifie and warn all the free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting House in said Town on Thursday the Eight Day of June Next at three of the Clock in the after noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

1<sup>st</sup> Choofe a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Take into Consideration the heavy Burdens we Labour under in Regard to our publick affairs & act any thing thereon as they shall think proper it being Requested by a Number of the Inhabitants of said Town . . . . .

Hereof fail Not. make Return of this warrant with your Doings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of may A D. 1786 . . . . .

Daniel Putnam } selectmen  
Paul wetherbee }

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg affembled June y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1786 . . . . .

first voted and Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to take into Consideration the Circumstances of the Town as it is Burdned & Redrefs in Relief thereof to the General Court

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe five perfons as a Committee for the above purpofe

4<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Robert Burnham Daniel Putnam Thomas Stearns Elijah willard Phinehas Hartwell for s<sup>d</sup> Committee

5<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Committee should make a Draught of a Letter to Lay before the Town at the meeting on the Jurnment to send to the Towns in the County of worcester for Calling a County Convention

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to thurfsday the twenty second Day of this instant June at three of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is according adjourned

June y<sup>e</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> 1786 the Town meet on the adjournment the meeting being opned and proceeded to the Bufines in hand . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to accept of the petition as it is Draughted By the Committee Now presented to the Town and that the selectmen have s<sup>d</sup> petition Committed to some faithfull perfon to Lay before the General Court for a hearing

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a man to meet in Convention appointed by the Towns in the County of worcester to take into Consideration the public affairs of this Commonwealth Likewise made Choofe of m<sup>r</sup> Elijah willard to meet and serve the town in a Convention for the above purporfe

9<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to munday the Tenth Day of July Next at five a Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

July y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 1786 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned the Town proceeded as follows

[287] 10<sup>ly</sup> voted the Town shall Give M<sup>r</sup> Elijah Willard instructions in Regard to his meeting in the County Convention to Lay before the members that shall attend in that Convention to Discover the minds of the Town at there next Convening together

11<sup>ly</sup> voted that the former Committee that was first Choofen in this meeting with the addition of two other perfons viz m<sup>r</sup> William Brown & m<sup>r</sup> Paul Wetherbee shall be a Committee to Draw up instructions for m<sup>r</sup> Elijah willard to Lay before the Convention to Discover the minds of the Town Likewise the Instructions to be Reported the Next meeting for acceptance by the Town

12<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to the second Tuesday in August Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

August y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> 1786 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned motioned that the instructions be Read before the town for acceptance article by article the first article accepted second also and the third & forth & fifth & sixth & seventh all as they stand Drawed up for the instructions to meet in Convention

13<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this Meeting to the second Tuesday of September [12<sup>p</sup>] next at four a Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Sep<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 1786 the Town meet on the ajournment the meeting being opned & heard the proceedings of the Convention and Likewise voted to adjourn this meeting to the first tuesday in october [3<sup>rd</sup> Day] Next at three of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . . .

October y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1786 the Town affembled according to there adjournment the meeting being opned to here the proceedings of the Conventions & there petition sent to the General Court Read before the Town the Town voted to adjourn this meeting to the third Tuesday in November Next at two of the Clock in the after noon the meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

November 21 1786 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned to here the proceedings of the Convention the people attending s<sup>d</sup> meeting voted to adjourn s<sup>d</sup> meeting to the Thurd tuesday in January [16 D] Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned

January 16 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the moderator being Necessarily absent the selectmen with the Clerk with the advice of the people present a motioned was made and seconded to have this meeting adjourned to the 30<sup>th</sup> Day of this instant January

at one of the Clock in the after Noon the vote pased for the ajournment accordingly the meeting is adjourned

January y<sup>e</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned

14<sup>ly</sup> voted that m<sup>r</sup> Elijah willard attend the Convention at there Next Conveneing & Likewise voted to Defend m<sup>r</sup> willard property in Case he should be taken in perfon by Government for attending the Convention in Case he behaves in a peaceable orderly manner other ways he is to Refk it himself . . . . .

15<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to the first Monday in March Next at four 'Colck in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phis Hartwell Clerk

march y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1787 the Town being meet at the time of the adjournment & it was motioned to adjourn this meeting to the twelfth instant at one of the clock in the afternoon the meeting is Accordingly adjourned.

March y<sup>e</sup> 12 1787 the Town meet on the adjournment then having Recived a Circular Letter from a Committee from Lunenburg Directing to send a perfon to meet a Committe in worcester at paches taveran to Look out Good & wife men to set as senators for the present year The committee is to meet on the Laft munday in march at three a Clock in the after Noon at said patchs Taveran the Town Taken the matter under Consideration & voted to send Deacon Daniel Putnam as a menber to meete the Committee of the several Towns in the County of worcester for the Looking out Good & wife men to serve in the senate the present year & make Return to the Town of there Dowings before the time of Choosfing said offices

[288] February y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1787 Then Came to Live in this Town by the Consent of Doc<sup>t</sup> Jonas Marfhall Benjamin Jaquith & his wife Pheby & family there Names are as follows Benjamin Ifaac Josiah Reuben Afa his sons Daughters Names Pheby Hannah Lydea all Laft from Jeffrey in New Hamfhire which said Doc<sup>t</sup> marfhall Gave timely Notice to the Selectmen of said fitchburg of Said familys Comeing to town & the place of there Laft Residence.



we the Selectmen of the Town of Fitchburg under Due Consideration Do not admit of Said Benjamin Jaquith & wife & family as inhabitants of Said fitchburg but Desire them to Remove to there Native place of abroad for Support & Do order the same to be Recorded in the book of Records

Pr order of Selectmen

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) Worcester fs To Thomas Cowden J<sup>ur</sup> one of the  
(seals) Constables of the Town of of fitchburg in said  
County . . . . . Greeting . . . . .

These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massachusetts to will and Require you by verble warning as the Law Directs to Notifie and warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting House in fitchburg on munday the Nineteenth Day of this Instant march at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

first to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the Town will Take to Repair the Great Bridge by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goodridges or act any thing theiron as they shall Think proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Chooſe a Committee to take Care of the Great Bridges the present year

Here of fail Not and make a Return of this warrant with your Dowings there on to some one of us on or before said Day and Time Given under our Hands & seals at fitchburg this fourteenth Day of march 1787 . . .

Daniel Putnam } selectmen  
Paul weatherbee } for fitchburg

Worcester fs March y<sup>e</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> 1787 In Obediance to this warrant I have warned all the free Holders and other Inhabitatione of the Town of fitchburg to meet at y<sup>e</sup> time and place within mentioned

Thomas Cowdin J<sup>ur</sup> Conftable

at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Afsembled March y<sup>e</sup> 19 1787

firft voted & Choofe Daniel Putnam moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Repair the Great Bridge by Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridges Emeadiately in the place Now stands

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to see to the Repairing of the Great Bridge the Committee Confiſt of three men viz Mr Afa Perry & Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goodridge & Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood for the over ſeeing the Repairing of the Bridge

4<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Bridge be Repaired by New ſtring peaces if wanting & with king poſts with Iron Sturrups to Confine the king poſts to the under Gurt . . . .

[289] 5<sup>ly</sup> voted to Lett out the Gitting of the Neceſſary Timber for the bridge to the Loweſt bidder by the ſtick or ſticks as the Committee ſhall Think beſt to Repair the Bridge and Likewiſe the Plank for the Covering of ſaid bridge . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to Take Care the Great Bridges the preſent year this Committee Confiſt of three men viz Deacon Kendell Boutell & Ephraim Kimball and Mr Afa Perry to inſpect the Bridges and to Repair them in the Cheepeſt way for the Benifit of the Town

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to Diſſolve this meeting accordingly the meeting is Diſſolved

Daniel Putnam moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(ſeals) Worceſter ſs To Reuben Smith Conſtable for the  
(ſeals) Town of Fitchburg Greeting Theſe are in the  
(ſeals) Name of the Commonwealth of the Maſſachuſetts  
To will & Require you fourthwith in Due Courſe of Law to Notify & warn all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meeting to Aſſemble & meet at the meeting Houſe in fitchburg on Munday the fiſt Day of Next at Nine of the Clock in the forenoon then and there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles to wit . . . . .

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Choofe a Tòwn Clerk and selectmen & other Town offices as the Law Directs or act any thing in Regard to the Choice of Collectors as they shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will accept of such Roads as are Laid out by the selectmen or there order or Discontinue any old Road or act any thing there on as they shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> to see what sum or sums of money the Town will Raife to keep the Highways & Bridges in Repair the present year or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

5<sup>ly</sup> to see what measure the Town will Take to support the poor that are become Chargeble to said Town or act any thing their on as they shall Think proper . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will abate any persons Rates or any part there of in any of the former Conftables or Collectors Lift or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

7<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will allow such accounts as Shall be Laid before the Town for Service for s<sup>d</sup> Town or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will vote the Swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law y<sup>e</sup> present year

Here of fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before the s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our Hands & seals this sixteenth Day of February A D 1787

Daniel Putnam	} selectmen For Fitchburg
Thomas Stearns	
Paul wetherbee	

Worcester fs March y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1787

By virtue of the within warrant I have Notified and warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town meetings to Assamble and meet at the Time & place with-in mentioned

Reuben Smith Conftable

[290] At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg assembled on March y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> 1787

first voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry Moderator. . . . Moderator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk . . Town Clerk

3<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe De<sup>a</sup> Daniel Putnam Paul wetherbee David M<sup>c</sup>intire Selectmen for the present year . . . selectmen

4<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Selectmen be the Affeffors for s<sup>d</sup> year . . . . . Affeffors

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Treafurer . . . . . Town Treafurer

6<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Leut Seth Phillips for a Conftable for the south side of said Town for the present year . . Conftable

7<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Samuells Gibson for a Conftable for the North part of s<sup>d</sup> town . . . . . Conftable

8 voted to Choofe the under offices by Hand votes

9 voted & Choofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood & Phin<sup>s</sup> Brown wardens . . . . . Wardens

10<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Thomas Thurfton & Joseph Downe Tything men . . . . . Tything men

11<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Abijah Goodridge & Hezekiah Hodgskins & Kendel Boutell & Amos Sheldon Thomas Cowden Ju<sup>r</sup> Jonathan Flint Solomon Calton william Brown John Thurfton Ju<sup>r</sup> Eliphalet perley for highway Surveyours the present year Joseph Gray & Seth Phillip in the Room of Cowden & Sheldon . . Highway surveyours

12<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phinehas sawyer Ju<sup>r</sup> John Ozburn John Shiple Daniel wetherbee Andrew Goodel Hogreves . . Hogreve

13<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Abraham Gibson Ju<sup>r</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Thomas Hartwell . . . . . Fire wards

14<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe John upton Surveyour of board Claboards & shingles . . . surveyour of board Claboards shingles

15<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Jacob Upton & Cap<sup>t</sup> sam<sup>l</sup> Burbank . . . . . Fence Vewers

16<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Benjamin Kemp surveyour of Hoops & staves . . . . . Hoops & staves

17<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe David Parce a Sealer of meafurers & weight . . . . . weights & meafurers

18<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mofes Hale a Sealer of Leather . . sealer of Leather

19<sup>ly</sup> voted to suspend the Third article till the adjournment Concerning the Roads . . . . .

20<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife one Hundred & fifty pounds to keep the Highways and Bridges in Repair the present year  
150-0-0

21<sup>ly</sup> voted that Every Highway surveyour that Receives a Lift of fifteen pound to work out shall Go with six hands on the Road up by Mr Jacob Uptons to work so in propotion more or Leffer sums the present year

[291] 22<sup>ly</sup> voted that the money Raifed to Mend the Highways be Laid out as was Laft year by the Hour & oxen a Day & Tools for that service as was allowed the Laft year . . . . .

23 voted that the money to be worked out that was to mend the Highway by the first of November Next and the surveyours is to make a Return of there Lifts to the Affessors by the middle of s<sup>d</sup> November with there Dowings thereon . . . . .

to ad the Delinquent perfons to the Town Rate bill that hath not worked there Rate out that the money may be Collected by the Conftable . . . . .

24<sup>ly</sup> voted that mr<sup>s</sup> Hart be Bid of at the Lowest bidder by the year

25<sup>ly</sup> voted that the other poor be bid of by the week while they Remain a Town Charge

voted to pafs over putting out the poor for the present

26<sup>ly</sup> voted that the selectmen inspect the Collectors Rate Bills on accompts of seeing what perfons Rates must Necessarily be abated & Lay the matter before the Town for there acceptance at the adjournment . . . . .

27 voted to allow Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood his account for providing for mi<sup>s</sup> smith & Nufsing said woman in Child Baring which sum is . . . . . 2-4-0-0

28 voted to allow Mr Blaney Phillips his accompt



for keeping Ifral smith twelve weaks and other matters  
as appears by said accompt & Cloathing for s<sup>d</sup> Boy . . .  
1-9-0-0

29 voted to allow Mr Thomas Stearns his account  
as an Affessor for the whole of the year 1786 & other  
matters from y<sup>e</sup> 12 of september Laft . . . . 1-5-3-0

30—voted to Let the swine Run at Large under the  
Regulation of the Law the present year

31 voted to Excuse Mr samull Gibson from serving  
Constable for the North side of said Town his paying  
three pounds to the Town for his being Excused & serves  
for his turn

32—voted to allow Paul Wetherbee his accompt for  
Necfsary buifnefs for service for the Town . . 0-13-6—

33—voted to adjourn this meeting to the house of  
Esqr Cowdens for one half hours

the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

34 voted to pay Mr John Ozburn six pound & six  
pence for supporting mi<sup>s</sup> Hart one whole year so in pro-  
potion if she should not Live the year out then proceeded  
provide for Mr Ephraim smiths family

first—Ephraim smith Bid of to Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goodridge  
to board at 1/4 a week Labour in while boarding

2—Mr<sup>s</sup> smith bid of & one Child to Leu<sup>t</sup> seth Phillips  
at 1/11 a week while she stays there

3—Ifral smith bid of to David Hodgfkings at 1/4 a  
week to Lodge & board

4—Eli smith Bid of to william Reed at 2/3 a week  
to Lodge & board

5—Lydia williams bid of by Afeph Goodridge at 1/8  
a week to Lodg & board

35<sup>ly</sup>—voted to adjourn this meeting to the second  
Munday of this instant march at one of the Clock in the  
after Noon at the Meeting House this meeting is adjourned  
accordingly . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk ,

March y<sup>e</sup> 12 1787 the Town meet at the Time of  
adjournment the meeting being opned proceeded as follows

36—voted that the Lowest Bidder may be the Col-  
lector to serve the present year for each side of said Town

to Collect the publick Taxes they finding Good Bondsman to the acceptance of the Town for the faithfull Discharge of there Duty in all there Collections . . . .

[292] 27<sup>ly</sup> voted to allow Deacon Daniel Putnam his account for services Done in the Towns behalf to march y<sup>e</sup> 5 1787 Exclusive affsefing businefs . . £1-<sup>s</sup>12-<sup>d</sup>0

28<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this Meeting Down to the House of Esqr for one Half Hour

the meeting being opned & proceeded as follows . . .

Jonas Smith bid of by Mr Joseph Phelps he allowing s<sup>d</sup> boy two pair of Trouses and one Toe Shirt provided he should stay in Town

29<sup>ly</sup> Thomas Cowden J<sup>ur</sup> Bid of the Collecting of the publick Taxes on the south side of said Town at three pound ten shillings on the Hundred pound that he shall Collect & pay in to the Treasurer

30<sup>thly</sup> voted to accept of Leut<sup>t</sup> Seth Phillips in the Room of Thomas Cowden to Collect the Taxes on the south side of said Town at the three pound ten shilling on y<sup>e</sup> hundred he shall Collect & pay in where ordred so in propotion for a Greater or Lefser sum he should Colect & pay in . . . . . 3-10-0-

31<sup>ly</sup> Thomas Cowden Jun<sup>r</sup> Bid of the Collecting of the publick Taxes on the North side of said Town for three pound Twelve shillings on the Hundred pound he shall Collect & pay in where ordred so in propotion wheather a Greater or Leffer sum . . . . . 3-12-0

32 voted to accept of Mr Blany Phillips & Capt John Goodridge as bondsman for Leut<sup>t</sup> seth Phillips for the faithfull Discharg of his Duty in Collecting the publick money & paying the same in & where ordred with the County & Town Taxes Likewise . . . .

33 voted to accept of Mr David Mcintire & Leut<sup>t</sup> Paul Wetherbee as bondsmen for Thomas Cowdin J<sup>ur</sup> for the faithfull Discharg of his Duty in Collecting the publick Taxes & paying the same in & where ordred with the County & Town Taxes Likewise . . . . .

34<sup>thly</sup> voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden J<sup>ur</sup> Conftable for the North side of said Town in the Room of Samuell Gibson for the year 1787

35 voted that the bonds be made out and the parties all sign the bonds before the meeting be Dissolved

36 voted that the selectmen or Assessors be impowered to abate any of the Taxes in the hands of any of the old Collectors or Constables that appears not Recoverable & not Legally assessed

37<sup>ly</sup> voted that this meeting be adjourned to the first munday in April Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon at the meeting House this meeting is accordingly adjourned

April ye 2<sup>nd</sup> 1787 the Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opened proceeded as follows

38 voted & Choose Joseph Gray in the Room of Amos Shelden Highway surveyour

39 voted & Choose Leut<sup>t</sup> Seth Phillips Highway surveyour in the Room of Thomas Cowdin Ju<sup>sr</sup> . . . . .

30<sup>thly</sup> voted to accept of Leut<sup>t</sup> Paul wetherbee as Bonds man for Thomas Cowden Ju<sup>sr</sup> in the Room of Amos Ordway

voted To Dissolve This meeting

Afa Perry Moderator

Phinchas Hartwell T Clerk

[293] Worcester fs To Leut<sup>t</sup> Seth Phillips Constable  
 (Seal) for the Town of fitchburg Greeting . . . These  
 (Seal) are in The Name of the Commonwealth of the  
 Massachusetts to will & Require you in Due Corfe  
 of Law fourthwith to Notifie all the male Inhabitants of  
 the Town of Fitchburg of Twenty one years of age &  
 upwards haveing a freehold Estate within this Common-  
 wealth of the annual income of three pounds or any  
 Estate of sixty pounds to affemble and meet at the meet-  
 ing House in fitchburg on Munday the second Day of april  
 Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there  
 being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles  
 first to Give in your votes for a Governour  
 2<sup>ly</sup> to Give in your votes for a Leut<sup>t</sup> Governour  
 3<sup>ly</sup> to Give in your votes for five Senators for the  
 year in suing

Hereof fail not make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us at or before the Day above mentioned Given under our hands & seals this Nineteenth Day of this instant march and in the year of our Lord 1787 . . . .

Daniel Putnam } selectmen  
Paul Wetherbee } for Fitchburg

Worcester Is April y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> A D 1787

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified & warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulafied to vote in this meeting as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg affemble on Munday the second Day of April.1787

frist voted & Choofe for a Governor his Excellency No

James Bowdin No of votes 5

voted for the Honourable John Hancock Esq<sup>r</sup> for Governor No votes 56

voted for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Esq<sup>r</sup> for Governour No votes -3

2<sup>ly</sup> the following Gentlemen ware voted for Leu<sup>t</sup> Governors

votes for the Honourable Thomas Cufhen Esq<sup>r</sup> Leu<sup>t</sup> Govrnour No of votes 39

votes for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Esq<sup>r</sup> Leu<sup>t</sup> Governor No of votes -5

3<sup>ly</sup> The following Gentlemen ware voted for Senators

votes for the Honourable Abel Wilder No of votes 50

votes for Jonathan Grout Esq<sup>r</sup> votes No 47

votes for De<sup>a</sup> Joseph stone votes No - 47

votes for Cap<sup>t</sup> Peter penneman votes No - 47

votes for samuell Curtifs Esq<sup>r</sup> votes No - 47

vots for Isral Nicholas Esq<sup>r</sup> vots No - 2

vots for Moses Gill Esq<sup>r</sup> votes No - 1

votes for Samuell Baker Esq<sup>r</sup> vots No - 2

vots for Cap sam<sup>ll</sup> ward . . . . . vots No - 1

John Fesendon Esq<sup>r</sup> No - 1

Seth warfburn Esq <sup>r</sup>	No	1
Bezelel Tafts . . . . .	No -	1
Daniel Putnam	} Select men for Fitchburg	
Paul Wetherbee		
David McIntire		
Phinehas Hartwell		Town Clerk

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Worcester fs                    ) This may Certifie that the Several offices  
 April y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> 1787 ) Required By Law Have Taken There  
   oaths as Required by Law & Likewise  
   Subscribed the oath of Ellegiance to  
   this Commonwealth of Malsachusetts  
   to Qulifie them to act in there Respec-  
   tive offices accordingly . . . . .

subscribed the oath of elegence as Required by Law	}	Phinehas Hartwell Taken the oaths by
		Law for Town Clerk & Treasurer
		Daniel Putnam & Paul Wetherbee &
		David McIntire Taken the oaths select- men & Affesors . . . . .

Seth Phillips & Thomas Cowdin J<sup>ur</sup> Taken the oaths  
 by Law for . . . . . Conftables & Collectors

Capt<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood & Phinehas Brown Taken the  
 oath Required by Law . . . . . wardens

Joseph Downe & Lu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Thurfton Taken the oath  
 Required by Law . . . . . Tything men

Capt<sup>t</sup> sam<sup>ll</sup> Burbank Fence vewer Taken his oath . .  
   Fencevewer

David Parce Choosen a sealer of meafurers Taken his  
 oath . . . . . sealer of meafurers

John Thurfton J<sup>ur</sup> & Abijah Goodridge Eliphalet perley  
 Taken y<sup>e</sup> oath . . . . . Highway surveyours

worcester fs

march y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> 1788 This Certifies The Several offices  
 hereafter Named hath Taken the oath required by Law

Phinehas Hartwell Taken The oath Required by Law  
 for a Town Clerk

Liut<sup>t</sup> Paul Wetherbe Reuben Smith John Thurfton J<sup>ur</sup>  
 Taken The Oath for Affesors

Reuben Smith has Taken the Oath Required for a Con-  
 ftable for y<sup>e</sup> year 1788



Daniel Ferwell has Taken the Oath Required for a Collector for y<sup>e</sup> year 1788

Jacob Allen & Stephen Pingrey J<sup>ur</sup> Taken the Oath Required for Tything men

Joseph Fox Samuell Burbank Abner Sawyer Taken y<sup>e</sup> Oath for Highway Surveyours

Ebenezer Thurfton Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve as Town Treasurer

Moses Hale Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve Sealer of Leather

Fitchburg April 1<sup>st</sup> 1788 Mr Hezekiah Hodgskins appeared before Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowden hath Taken the Oath Required by Law to Serve as Constable & Likewife The Oath of Ellegiance to this Commonwealth to Qualifie him to act in his Respective office

Fitchburg April 12<sup>th</sup> 1788 This Certifies That Phinehas Hartwell Ebenezer Thurfton & John Thurfton J<sup>ur</sup> Paul wetherbee Reuben Smith appeared before Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowden & Took and Subscribed The Oath of Allegiance to this Commonwealth to Qualifie them according to Law to act in Their Respective offices for the year 1788

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

Worcester fs March y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1789 Phinehas Hartwell Clerk Ebenezer Thurfton Town Treasurer Moses Hale Constable Paul wetherbee John Thurfton J<sup>ur</sup> Reuben Smith all Select men Did appear before Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowden Subscribed the Oath of Ellegiance to this Commonwealth of massachusetts to Qualifie them to act in there Respective Offices accordingly Recorded Pr Phin<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Town Clark

Mr Moses Hale Taken the oath to serve in the office of Constable

Lu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Thurfton & William Reed Taken the oath to serve in the office Tything men

[295] Worcester fs To Thomas Cowdin J<sup>ur</sup> of the  
(seals) Conftables for y<sup>e</sup> Town of fitchburg in said County  
(seals) Greeting . . . . These are in the Name of  
(seals) the Commonwealth of the Maffachusetts to will  
and Require you in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie  
& warn all the Male Inhabitants of twenty one years old

& upwards in said Town Qualified as the Constetution Directs to vote for a Representative to Assemble & meet at the meeting House in said Town on wednesd day the sixteenth Day of may next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz

frst to Elect and Depute some Meet perfon Qulified as the Constetution Directs to Reprsent said Town in the Great an General Court the year insuing or act any thing thereon in Regard to the Towns Givin Instructions to the said Representative as they shall think proper . . . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hand & seal this Thirtith Day of April 1787

Daniel Putnam	} Select men
Paul wetherbee	
David Mcintire	

Worcester fs Fitchburg May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1787

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the Inhabitants Qulified by Law to vote for a Representative to meet at the time and Place within mentioned

Thomas Cowden J<sup>ur</sup> Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg asssembled May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1787 the meeting being opened the Question being put to see if the Town will send a menber to Represent them in the Great an General Court the insuing year & it paffed in the affermitive then proceed & made Choice of Deacon Daniel Putnam to Reprsent said Town During the Genral sessions

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choosse five Men for a Committee to Draw up instructions to instruct there Repreentative During the General sessions

3<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choosse Phinehas Hartwell Rorbart Burnham oliver stickney Elijah willard Afa Perry for the above purpose . . . .

voted to adjourn this meeting to the Eigheenth Day of this instant may at two of the Clock in the affter Noon

to here and accept of the Report of the Committee to instruct there Representetive During the Sessions

May y<sup>e</sup> 18 1787 The Town meet according to adjournment the meeting being opned & proceed as follows  
voted to have the instructions Read before the Town  
article by article then proceeded as follows article first  
accepted as stand article Second accepted as stands article  
Third accepted as stands article fourth accepted as stands  
article fifth accepted as stands article sixth accepted as  
stands article seventh accepted article Eighth accepted as  
stands

Then voted they shall be Delivered to the Represen-  
tative for his instructions During the General Sessions of the  
General Court

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[296] Worcester fs To Thomas Cowden J<sup>ur</sup> Consta-  
(seals) ble for the Town of Fitchburg in said County  
(seals) Greeting These are in the Name of the Common-  
(seals) wealth of the Massachusetts to will and Require  
you forth with in Due Course of Law to Notifie  
and warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of said  
Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town  
meetings to assemble and meet at the Meeting House in  
said Town on wednesdjay the sixteenth Day of may Next  
at three of the Clock in the after Noon then & there  
being Duly meet & formed to act on the following arti-  
cles viz

first to Choosse a Moderator to Govern said Meeting  
2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will abate any of the profest  
Baptift minifters Rate in any of the Conftables or Col-  
lectors Lifts or act any thing thereon as they shall Think  
proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will vote to Come into any  
General Rule in Regard to Carring on the singing part of  
the public worship of God and wheather the singers shall  
sing a part of the Time without Reading & how the  
psalm shall be Read wheather by Line or verse or act any  
thing thereon as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hands & seals this 30<sup>th</sup> Day of April 1787

Daniel Putnam	}	Selectmen for Fitchburg
Paul Wetherbee		
David McIntire		

Worcester fs Fitchburg y<sup>e</sup> 16 May 1787 In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to meet at the Time and Place within mentioned

Thomas Cowdin J<sup>ur</sup> Constable

at a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Affsembled affsembled May y<sup>e</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1787 . . .

first voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry Moderator to Govern said Meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to act on the second article in the warrant in Regard to the profest Baptift paying the minifter Rate to the standing order

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to take into Consideration wheather the Baptift shall be held to pay the standing minifter in said Town & make Report at the adjournment voted to Choofe three perfons as a Committee viz Deacon Kendall Boutell Daniel Ferwell Lu<sup>t</sup> William Brown voted this meeting be adjourned to fryday y<sup>e</sup> 18 of this instant may at three a clock in the after Noon

May y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1787 the Town meet according to the adjournment & proceed as follows to here y<sup>e</sup> Report of y<sup>e</sup> Committee and the other article on hand that was adjourned . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Sing five times in the worfhiping on the Lords Day in the following manner the first singing before prayer without Reading after prayer with Reading Line by Line and set such Tunes as the Congregation Can in General sing first in the after Noon before prayer without Reading after prayer with Reading after sermon without Reading

[297] 5<sup>ly</sup> the Committee Reported that they had Examined the Constetution & thought proper that the the Constetution should be Laid before the Town Concerning the Baptists party in Consideration of thear paying or be held to pay to the Town the minifter Tax &c

the petition Laid before the Town which after Some Deliberation on said matters the Town proceeded as folowes

6<sup>ly</sup> voted that the people in said Town that are profest Baptists that petitioned to the Town in the year 1784 that signed the petition Laid before the Town be Discharged from paying the minifter Rate after said year in each of the Constables or Collector List to wards supporting the Gospel and Likewise samuell Gibson Lemuel Haskell Semieon Shattick Elijah Willard to be Exempted from paying the minifter Tax from the year 1780 . . . to the Date of said petition . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> that M<sup>r</sup> abraham Willard be aded to the petition & have the same priviledge as Those That Did petition he Clearing his minifter tax Raised in 1783 and after to be exempted as the others . . . . .

The petitioners are Those

Charles Willard	Elijah Willard	Lemull Haskell
David McIntire	Elijah McIntire	Thomas Gibson
Samull Gibson	Solomon Gibson	Joseph Polley
David whitmore	William Haskell	Jonathan Page
Ephraim Niles	Daniel Willard	Simeon Shattick
Ephraim Howard	Abraham Willard aded to y <sup>e</sup> petition	

the petition baring Date December 1783

8<sup>ly</sup> voted this meeting Dissolved

Afa Perry Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester Is To seth Phillips one of the Constables  
 (seal) for the Town of in said County . . . . Greeting  
 These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of  
 Massachusetts to will and Require you fourthwith in Due  
 Course of Law to Notifie and warn all the freeholders and  
 other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qulified By  
 Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet at the



meeting house in said Town on tuesday the twelfth Day of June Next at four a Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz . . . . .

first to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the Town will Chooſe an Agent or Agents or a Committee to Diſcharge the Town of Ephraim Smith and his family and Secure to the Town the Coſt and Damage that the Town hath Recovered at the Laſt Court againſt Cap<sup>t</sup> Eliſha Smith on account of ſaid family being Thrown on this Town for Support

Hereof fail Not and Make Return of this warrant to ſome one of us on or before ſaid Day Given under our Hand & ſeals at fitchburg this twenty Eighth Day of may A D 1787—

Daniel Putnam } Selectmen for  
Paul wetherbee } Fitchburg

[298] Worceſter ſs

In obedience to this warrant I have Notified & warned all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to Aſſemble as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Conſtable

At A Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Aſſembled on June the 12<sup>th</sup> 1787 the Meeting Being opned & proceeded as followes

first voted & Chooſe Eſq<sup>r</sup> Cowdin Moderator to Govern ſ<sup>d</sup> meeting . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn this meeting to the twenty firſt Day of this inſtant June at one of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting accordingly adjourned

June y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1787 The Town meet on the adjournment the Meeting being opned and proceeded as follows

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Chuſe an Agent to proſecute and Carrey on the Law ſute Commiſed Againſt Cap<sup>t</sup> Eliſha Smith on account of Ephraim Smith and family being Thown on the Town of fitchburg . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Doct Jonas Marfhell an Agent in behalf of the Town to Carrey the procefs againft said Elifha Smith up to final Judgment and Execution in behalf of the Town

5<sup>ly</sup> voted this meeting Difsolved

Thomas Cowdin Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seal) Worcester fs To Thomas Cowden Jur one of the  
(seal) Conftables for y<sup>e</sup> Town of Fitchburg in said County  
(seal) Greeting . . . . . Thefe are in the Name of the  
Commonwealth of the Maffachufetts to will &  
Require you in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie and warn  
all the Freehoulders and other Inhabitance of the Town  
of Fitchburg Qulafied By Law to vote in Town meetings  
to Affemble & meete at y<sup>e</sup> meeting Houfe in said Town on  
Tuefday the Eleventh Day of Sep<sup>t</sup> Next at one of the  
Clock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly meet &  
formed to act on the following articles (viz) . . .

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to support y<sup>e</sup> Revern<sup>d</sup> John Pay-  
fon the prefent year

3<sup>ly</sup>—to see what sum or sums of money the Town  
will Raife to support the school or schools the prefent  
year or act any Thing there on as they shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup>—to see what method the Town will Take to pro-  
vide the Revern<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> payfons wood the prefent year . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to Raife money to support m<sup>r</sup>s Hart & the other  
poor that are become Chargeable to said Town . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> to see what Sum or Sums of money the Town  
will Raife to Defray there Necefsary Charges the prefent  
year or act anything there on as they shall Think proper

[299] 7<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Choofe a Com-  
mittee to Recon with the Town Treasurer and make Re-  
port to the Town . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Choofe a saxon to take  
Care of the meeting Houfe the prefent year . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Give their Representetive  
any futher instructions in Regard to any matter that shall  
Come before the General Court at there Next Seffion

10<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will sell the Guns and Boyanots that are the Towns property or act any thing there on as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seal This 22<sup>d</sup> Day of Auguft A D 1787

Daniel Putnam	}	selectmen
Paul wetherbee		for
David M <sup>c</sup> intire		fitchburg

In obedience to the within warrant I have warned all the freeholders & other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to meet at the Time & place within mentioned Sept<sup>t</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1787  
Thos Cowden J<sup>ur</sup> Constable

At a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Affembled sept 11<sup>th</sup> 1787

first voted & Choofe Daniel Putnam moderator . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife 66-13-4 to support y<sup>e</sup> Revr<sup>d</sup> Mr Payfon y<sup>e</sup> prefent year . . . . . 66-13-4

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife £45 to support the schools in each Quarter of the the Town . . . . . 45-0-0-

and that each Quarter Draw there Equal propotion of money as was Laid out for the Quarters Laft year . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to provide schooling in each Quarter of the Town . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Six perfons viz Ephraim Kimball Paul wetherbe John Thurfton J<sup>ur</sup> Cap<sup>t</sup> Reubon Gibson Abraham Willard Afa Perrey as a Committe to provide schooling in each Quarter of y<sup>e</sup> Town . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to provide Mr Payfon 30 Cord of Good wood the Cheepest manner they Can for the Benefitt of said Town . . . . .

7 voted & Choofe three perfons viz Afa perry Ephraim Kimball Samuells Burbank for s<sup>d</sup> Committee

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife £30 pound to support the poor the Prefent year . . . . . 30-0-0-

9<sup>ly</sup> voted to Pafs over the sixth article in the warrant in Regard to Raifing money till the meeting at the adjournment of the meeting . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to Recon with the Town Treafurer & make Report at the meeting on the adjournment the Committee Confist of three perfons Daniel Putnam Paul wetherbee David Mcintire

11<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Ephraim Kimball saxon to take Care of the meeting houle

12<sup>ly</sup> voted to Dismifs the Ninth article in the warrant in Regard to Giving Their Representetive futher instructions the Nex sessions . . . .

13<sup>ly</sup> voted to sell the Guns & Boynets But after Reconfidered the vote on the adjournment

14<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn This meeting to the 25 Day of this Instant september at Two of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is adjourned accordingly . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[300] Sept<sup>t</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> 1787 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting Being opned Proceeded as follows

15<sup>ly</sup> voted to Accept of the settlement as Reported By the Towns Committee with the Treafurer & to be Recorded . . . .

16<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife seventy five pounds as an Addition to what was Raifed before

17 <sup>ly</sup> voted to Reconfider	{ addition— minifter— school— Poor—	£75— 0—0
the vote in Regard to Selling the		66—13—4
Guns & Boynuts		45— 0—0
		30— 0—0

18<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Guns & Boynuts be prized and Com-

mitted into the hand of Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goodridge he to Give the Town his security of what they shall be proized at & he to keep said Guns & Boynuts for the Town use if wanting for thofe that Cant provide for themselves as the Law Directs

voted & Choofe the select men for s<sup>d</sup> Committee to prize said Guns & Deliver them to said Cap<sup>t</sup> Goodridge

voted this meeting Difolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) Worcester fs To Seth Phillips (one of the Con-  
 (Seals) stables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County  
 (Seals) Greeting . . . . These are in the Name of the  
 Commonwealth of Massachusetts to will &  
 Require you in Due Course of Law to Notifie and warn  
 all the freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of  
 fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings to  
 assemble and meet at the meeting House in said Town on  
 Thursday the Eleventh Day of october Next at Two of the  
 Clock in the after Noon then & there being Duly mett  
 & formed to act on the following articles . . . .

first to Chooße a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see what method the Town will Take to Repair  
 the Great Bridge or Bridges that is Damaged by the Late  
 frefhett or act any thing thereon as they shall Think  
 proper

3<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will Raise any sum of money  
 for y<sup>e</sup> Repairing y<sup>e</sup> Bridges

4<sup>ly</sup> see if y<sup>e</sup> Town will Take into consideration what  
 the Courts Committee Did in Regard to Laying out a  
 a New Road Near Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Esq<sup>r</sup> or act any thing  
 thereon as they shall Think proper . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will make any allowence to  
 any of the Collectors that have Received any Countefite  
 paper money or act any thing thereon as they shall think  
 proper . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> To See if Town will petition to the Court of  
 Sessions to alter and Turn the County Road in this Town  
 & have it Go By Aseph Goodridges . . . .

[301] Hereof fail not & make Return of this war-  
 rant to some one of us on or before said Day Given  
 under our hands & seals this twentyth fifth Day of Sep-  
 tember A D 1787

Daniel Putnam } Selectmen  
 Paul wetherbee } for  
 David McIntire } fitchburg

Worcester fs

In obedince to this warrant I have Notified and  
 warned all the freeholders and other Inhabitants of the  
 Town of fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town



meeting as the within warrant Directs to affsembled an  
meet at the Time & Place within mentioned

Seth Phillips Conftable

Att a Legal Meeting of y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants of the Town  
of fitchburg affsembled october y<sup>e</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1787 the meeting  
being opned & proceeded as followes . . . .

1 voted & Choofe De<sup>a</sup> Daniel Putnam Moderator of  
s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted that a Committee be Choofen to over See  
the Building of the Great Bridge Near Cap<sup>t</sup> John Good-  
ridges and said Committee be impowered and Directed to  
seet Thofe perfons to work that are Delinquent in paying  
of there Taxes and are unable to pay them any other way  
to the Collectors and allow said perfons for there service  
at the bridge the time he is faithfull in the Service accord-  
ing to the Discretion of Said Committee

3 voted that this Committee Confist of five perfons

4<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowden Esq<sup>r</sup> Doct<sup>t</sup> Jonas  
Marsfhell Afa Perry Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goodridge Hezekiah Hodg-  
skins for said Committee . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Committee speedialy proceed in  
Building of said Bridge and they be impowered to procure  
timber for said Bridge & Carpenter Labour as is Needfull  
for said service . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to pafs over the Third article in the war-  
rant in Regard to Raifing money to Repair said Bridge

7<sup>ly</sup> voted to adjourn This meeting to munday the  
fifteenth Day of this Instant october at two of the Clock  
in the after Noon this meeting is adjourned accordingly

Phin<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Town Clerk

October 15<sup>th</sup> 1787 the Town meet according to their  
adjournment the meeting being opned & proceed as followes

8<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to petition to the  
Quarter fessions for a Courts Committee to Revew a  
County Road Newly altered by a Courts Committee Near  
Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowdins and accepted by said Court and see if it  
Cant be altered to where it was formerly Laid out & trod  
By adding one Rod to the wedth of said Road to Convean  
the same

9<sup>ly</sup> voted this Committee Consist of three persons voted & Choofe Phinehas Sawyer & Mr Robert Burnham & Phinehas Hartwell for s<sup>d</sup> Committee

10<sup>ly</sup> voted and Choofe Mr Phinehas Sawyer as their agent in behalf of the Town seprate from the other Committee to present the petition before the Quarter sessions for a hearing & to Carrey it into Execution and final Determination . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> voted not to allow any of the Collectors for y<sup>e</sup> Countitt paper money they have Recived for Taxes either for state tax or Town . . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> voted to pafs over the sixth article in the warrant

13<sup>ly</sup> voted to Diffolve this meeting this meeting is Diffolved accordingly

Daniel Putnam moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[302] Worcester Is

To Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowden J<sup>ur</sup> one of the Constables for the  
 (Seals) Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting  
 (Seals) These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of  
 (Seals) Massachusetts to will and Require you in Due  
 Course of Law to Notifie & warn all the male  
 Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified as the Con-  
 stetution Directs to Vote in the Choofe of Representatives  
 To Assemble & meet at the meeting House in said Town  
 on Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of December Next at Ten of  
 the Clock in the forenoon Agreeable to A Refolve of y<sup>e</sup>  
 General Court of the 20<sup>th</sup> Day of October Last Then &  
 their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following  
 articles

first to see if the Town will Elect some meet person  
 to Reprefint them in the State Convention to be Held at  
 the state house in Boston on the second wednesday Janu-  
 ary Next on the subject matter of the New proposed Fed-  
 eral Contetution or act any thing theiron as they shall  
 think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with  
 your Dowings theiron to some one of us on or before s<sup>d</sup>

Day Given under our Hands & seals this Thirtyth Day  
of November A D 1787

Daniel Putnam	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Paul wetherbee	
David m <sup>c</sup> intire	

Worcester Is In Obediance to the within warrant I  
have warned all the within mentioned Inhabitants to meet  
att the Time & place within mentioned

December 20<sup>th</sup> 1787 Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowden Ju<sup>r</sup> Conftable

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town  
of fitchburg affembled Dec<sup>m</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1787 To Elect some  
meet perfon to Represent them in the state house in Bos-  
ton the second wednefs in January Next a Greeable to a  
Refolve of Court 25 of october Laft

1<sup>st</sup> voted to have the Conftetution Reed before the  
Town befor any perfon be Choofen

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a perfon to Represent the Town  
in Convention at Bofton as a foresaid

3<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Deacon Daniel Putnam to Repre-  
sent said Town in Convention to be Convened at Bofton  
the second wednefs in January Next

4<sup>ly</sup> voted to Choofe a Committee to infruct their  
Delagate or point out the Expofed Danger the people are  
Liable to inconfequence the New Conftetution should take  
place and Report before the Town their sentements . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choofe Eleven perfons for a Committee  
for the above purpofe viz Phin<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Mofes Hale  
Elijah Willard Oliver Stickney David M<sup>c</sup>intire Robert  
Burnham Luther Stone Dr Jonas Marfhell Abraham Wil-  
lard Revern<sup>d</sup> John Payfon Dr Peter Snow . . .

Voted this meeting to be adjourned to the Twentieth  
fifth Day of this Instant December at one of the Clock in  
the after Noon in order to here the Report of the Com-  
mittee

[303] Decem<sup>r</sup> 25 1787 The Town meet according to  
Their adjournment y<sup>e</sup> meeting being opned then voted to  
adjourn this meeting to fryday y<sup>e</sup> 28<sup>th</sup> Day of this instant

Decem<sup>m</sup> at three of the Clock in the after Noon the meeting is accordingly adjourned      Phin<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Town Clerk

December 28<sup>th</sup> 1787 The Town mett acording to their adjournment y<sup>e</sup> meeting being opned to here the Report of their Committee Choosen to take into Consideration the New Contetution or fraime of Government the Objections ware Reported before said Town in Town meeting and Unanimously voted and Likewise voted that the Town Clerk Give a Tested Coppy & vote of said Objections to their Delagate, to present if Needfull in Convention to be Convened at ye state house in Bofton y<sup>e</sup> second wednesfday in January Next

Voted This meeting Be Dissolved

Atteft      Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Worcester fs To Seth Phillips one of the Constables of the Town of Fitchburg in said County Greeting

These are in the Name of the Commonweath of Maffa-  
(Seals) chufetts to will & Require you in Due Course of  
(Seals) Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders &  
other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg  
Qualified to vote in Town meetings as y<sup>e</sup> Law Directs to  
affemble & meett at the meeting house in said Town on  
Tuesfday the Twenty fifth Day of Dece<sup>m</sup> instant at one of  
the Clock in the after Noon then & their being Duly meet  
and formed to act on the following articles . . . .

first to Choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To see what sums or sums of money the Town  
will Raife to pay for Building the Great Bridge Near Capt  
John Goodridges or act any thing theiron as they shall  
think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> To see if the Town will Call upon the Committee  
that was Choofe to see to the Building the Bridge Near  
Capt John Goodridges to Lay before the Town the account  
of the Coft for Building said Bridge or act any thing  
thereon as they shall think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> To see what method the Town will Take to sup-  
ply the Collectors with money or Certificats that has ben  
or must Necessaryly be abated in state taxes for y<sup>e</sup> years

1781 & 1782 and 1783 and Raife money to supply the same or act any thing their on as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings theiron to sum one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this seventh Day of December AD 1787

Daniel Putnam } selectmen  
Paul Wetherbee } for  
                              } fitchburg

Worcester Is In Obedience to this warrant I have Notified & warned all The freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified by Law to vote in Town Meetings to Affemble and meet at the Time and Place as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Conftable

Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fittcburg affembled Decmbr 25<sup>th</sup> 1787 the meeting being opned then proceeded as followes . . . .

Firft Voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden Efqr Modera-  
tor of said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife Eighty Eight Pounds four Shillings to Difcharge the Coft of Building the New Bridge Down Near Capt John Goodridges this vote Contains the Third article in the warrant is the whole Committees account for Each perfons services . . . . . £88-4-0

[304] 3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow The Committees accounts for Each perfons service & oxen & Carts as Now Stands footed for Each person & allowed By the Committee which was Laid before the Town and accepted & Delivered To the Town Treafurer to pay out whole Sum £88-4-0-0

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted That the Town Treafurer Be & is impowered to pay the several perfons that was imployed By said Committee their accompts or Give orders for the same on the Collectors to Difcharge their Rates & Take Receipts of Each person of what he pays of his Due The accounts of Each person is Carried of Seperate on the Treafurer Book . . . . .



5<sup>ly</sup> voted to pass over the fourth article as stands in the warrant in Regard to the Towns abating any of the persons that Cannot be Collected &c the above mentoned account for building said Bridge is Taken Down on the Treasurers Book as is allowed to each person & is to be paid out by y<sup>e</sup> Treasurer

6<sup>ly</sup> voted to Dissolve this meeting

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowden Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) Worcester fs To Either of the Constables in the  
(Seals) Town of fitchburg in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting These  
are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to will & Require you to Notifie & warn By verble warning all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble & meet at the meeting House in said Town on Tuesday the Twenty fifth Day of Decem<sup>r</sup> instant at Three of the Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles

First to Choose a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to see if the Town will authorize and Direct the Town Treasurer To Give in Behalf of the Town any New securityes for money where the Town is indebted and is not at present in a Capacity to pay the same or act any thing thereon as they shall Think proper

Hereof fail not & make Return of this warrant with your Dowings their on to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals this seventeenth Day of December A D 1787 . . . .

Daniel Putnam } select men for  
Paul wethere } fitchburg

Worcester fs Decmbr. 25 1787 In Obedence to this warrant I have Verbally warned all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Quallified by Law to vote in town to assemble & meet at the time and place as the within warrant Directs

Seth Phillips Constable

Att a Meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of  
fitchburg affembled December 25<sup>th</sup> 1787

first voted & Chose Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowden Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator of  
s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> voted that the Town Treafurer Bee and is  
authorized and appointed by said Town to Give New  
Securities in behalf of said Town where their Debts are  
Required by the Creditors to be Renewed; and Especially  
to Renew and Give his security in behalf of the Town for  
a Debt Due on Execution to George Kimball Esq<sup>r</sup> or the  
widow Dorithy Kimball, Now in the hand of said George  
Kimball & Give security for the same to the Heirs of Wil-  
liam Brattle Esq<sup>r</sup> if the said Esq<sup>r</sup> Kimball shall a Gree  
their to

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Esq<sup>r</sup> moderator  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[305] Fitchburg Sept<sup>m</sup> 24<sup>th</sup> 1787

Then Reconed & Settled with Phinehas Hartwell Town  
Treasurer for said year we find Due in The Several Col-  
lectors & Constable Hands The sums Hereafter mentioned

We find in The Hand of Jon <sup>a</sup> Holt Constable	£	s	d	q
for y <sup>e</sup> year 1778 Town Tax . . . . .	5	13	6	3
We find in The Hand of Phin <sup>s</sup> Hartwell Con-				
stable for y <sup>e</sup> year 1780 Town Property				
state Recip <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	29	12	4	2
minifter Tax in The same year in The				
hands of said Hartwell . . . . .	10	18	3	2
We find in The Hand of Daniel ferwell Con-				
stable for y <sup>e</sup> year 1780 Town Tax The				
abatment allowed & Taken out . . . . .	35	9	2	
we find in The Hand of Cap <sup>t</sup> Samuella Bur-				
bank Collector for y <sup>e</sup> year 1781 & 1782				
& 1783 one State Recipt Towns property				
yet Due in part . . . . .	34	5	2	3
Likewise minifter Tax for ye year 1783 in part				
Due . . . . .	1	7	7	0
Likewise a Souldier Rate for y <sup>e</sup> year 1782 in				
part Due . . . . .	54	12	6	0

we find in the Hand of Cap <sup>t</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell	
Constable for y <sup>e</sup> year 1783 Due Town Tax	13-10- 3-2
we find in The Hand of John Ferwell Consta-	
ble for y <sup>e</sup> year 1784 Town Tax yet Due .	9- 5- 3-2
we find in The Hand of Joseph Phelps Col-	
lector for y <sup>e</sup> year 1782 Town Tax . . .	9-15 8-1
Likewise minifter Tax for said year yet Due in	
s <sup>d</sup> Phelps hand . . . . .	21- 6- 4-1
A soldier Rate 89-15-11-3 Not all Settled in	
s <sup>d</sup> Phelpes hand . . . . .	
we find in The Hand of Cap <sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson	
Collector for y <sup>e</sup> year 1781 Town Tax . .	54- 2-11-1
Likewise one State Recip <sup>t</sup> Towns property in	
The Treasurers hand Due from s <sup>d</sup> Gibson	
in part . . . . .	18- 6- 1-0
we find in The hand of Phin <sup>s</sup> Sawyer Collector	
for y <sup>e</sup> year 1785 Town Tax part Due . .	21-18- 9-3
Likewise one minister Tax for said year part	
Due . . . . .	16- 6-11-0
we find in the Hand of Reuben Smith Con-	
stable for y <sup>e</sup> year 1786 Town Tax yet Due	63-10-10-2
Likewise one minifter Tax in said year yet Due	29-17- 6-1
we find in The Hand of Major <sup>r</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Hart-	
well Collector for y <sup>e</sup> year 1786 Town Tax	74-19- 0-2
Likewise one Minifter Tax for s <sup>d</sup> year yet Due	
in part . . . . .	30-18-10-2
we find That Deacon John Thurfton Collector	
for the year 1784 Hath settled	
That on Ballance Their appears to be Due To	
Deacon Thurfton . . . . .	£2- 7- 8-2
we find That The Treasurer Hath Borrowed	
& Gave his Security for The use of y <sup>e</sup>	
Town of oliver stickney . . . . .	4- 7- 1-0
And also hath paid out of his own money	
more than he hath Recived of the Colletor	1-17- 2-2

one Note aganst francis fullam . . . . .	2- 2- 0 0
one Note aganst Sam <sup>m</sup> Burbank april 2 <sup>d</sup> 1781	3-12- 0-0
Note Aganst Cap <sup>t</sup> Gibson march 9 <sup>th</sup> 1781 .	3-12- 0-0
Note aganst Cap <sup>t</sup> Burbank march 17-1783	3-12- 0-0
Note aganst Cap <sup>t</sup> Tho <sup>s</sup> Hartwell May 16 1783	3-12- 0-0
Note aganst John Ferwell April 8 <sup>th</sup> 1785 . .	3- 0- 0-0
Note aganst Jonathan Page April 4 <sup>th</sup> 1785 .	1- 7- 9-0
one Note Against Amos ordway march 27 <sup>th</sup> 1786 . . . . .	3- 0- 0
Note Against Sam <sup>l</sup> Gibfon March 5 <sup>th</sup> 1787 .	3- 0- 0
Note Against Seth Phillips March 12 <sup>th</sup> 1787	3- 0- 0

Daniel Putnam }  
 Paul Wetherbee } Committee  
 David McIntire } For Settlement

Attest Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

Errors Excepted True Coppy from The Settlement at  
 The above Date And Accepted in Town Meeting

[306] Worcester Is To Thomas Cowdin Ju<sup>r</sup> one of  
 (seals) The Constables of The Town of Fitchburg in said  
 (seals) County Greeting These Are in the Name of y<sup>e</sup>  
 (seals) Commonweath of Masfachufetts To will & Re-  
 quire you in Due Course of Law To Notifie &  
 warn all The freehoulders & other Inhabitants of the  
 Town of fitchburg Qualified By Law to vote in Town  
 meetings to Affemble & meet att the meeting House in  
 said Town on Munday The Third Day of March Nex at  
 Ten of the Clock before Noon Then & Their being Duly  
 Meet & formed To act on The following articles (viz)

First To Choofe A Moderator to Govern Said Meeting  
 2<sup>ly</sup> To Choofe Town Clerk & Selectmen and other  
 Town Offices as the Law Directs for the year infueing and  
 act any Thing in Regard to Collectors as They Shall Think  
 proper . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> To See what Sum or Sums of Money the Town  
 will Raife to Repair the Highways Infueing year and  
 Direct How such money shall be worked out or act any  
 Thing their on as They shall Think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To see what method The Town will Take To

support Mi<sup>s</sup> Hart and the other poor that are become Chargebale to said Town . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To See if The Town will Accept of any Road or Roads that is Laid out by the Select men or there order

6<sup>ly</sup> To see if The Town will Chooſe a Committee to Take Care the Bridges and Make Preparation for Repairing ſuch as Shall Need Repairing or act any Thing Their on as They Shall Think proper . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Vote the Swine to Go at Large under the Regulation of the Law . . . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will abate any fine or fines which hath been Laid on any perſon or perſons for Not attending Publick worſhip . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will abate any perſon or perſons Rate or any part their of in any of the Collectors Lifts and act any Thing theiron as they ſhall Think proper . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Chooſe a ſaxtion to take Care the meeting the year infueing . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Make allowence to Capt Reuben Gibson Collector for the year 1781 for ſome Counteffitt money New Emiſion he Took for Rates or act any Thing theiron as They Shall Think proper . . . . .

12<sup>ly</sup> To ſee what Orders or Directions the Town will Give to the Delinquent Highway Surveyours the Laſt year or act any thing thereon as they ſhall Think proper . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant to ſome or one of us on or before ſaid Day Given under our hand & ſeals this Twelfth Day of February A. D. 1788

Daniel Putnam } Select men  
Paul wetherbee } for  
David Mcintire } Fitchburg

Worceſter ſs February 16 1788

In obedience to this warrant I have warnd all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the town of fitchburg Qulified by Law [307] To vote in Town Meetings to affemble and meet att the Time and place above mentioned

Thomas Cowden J<sup>ur</sup> Conſtable



Att a Legal Meeting of the Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg Affembled March y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788

Firft voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Afa Perry Moderator of said meeting . . . . . modrator

2<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk — Present year . . . . . Town Clerk

3<sup>ly</sup> voted to Coofe Three Selectmen for the present year & affeffors

4<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Liv<sup>t</sup> Paul wetherbee Reuben Smith & John Thurfton Ju<sup>r</sup> for and Likewise affeffors for the present year . . . . . Selectmen and Affeffors

5<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Ebenezer Thurfton Town Treasurer for said year . . . . . Town Treasurer

6<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Hezekiah Hodgskins for the south side of said Town for a . . . . . Conftable

and Likewise Nathan Badcock for the North of side Town Conftable . . . . . Conftable

7<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Thomas Stearns & Amos Ordway wardens for y<sup>e</sup> present year . . . . . wardens

8<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Jacob Allen & Stephen Pingrey Ju<sup>r</sup> for . . . . . Tything men

9<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Samuell Burbank John ozburn Difmifed Hezekiah Hodfkins Chofen in his Room Joseph Fox Efq<sup>r</sup> Oliver Brown Abner Sawyer Jabez Sawyer Elijah Mcintire Solomon Calton Amos Ordway Stephen Pingrey Ju<sup>r</sup> Highway surveyors present year . . . Highway Surveyours

10<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Benjamin Kemp Stephen Thurfton Joseph Low Ju<sup>r</sup> Luke Sawyer W<sup>m</sup> Kendall—Hogreves for the present year . . . . . Hogreves

11<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Jofhua Parce Zacheus Ferwell Fire wards for y<sup>e</sup> present year . . . . . Fire wards

12<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe John upton Surveyour of Boards Clabords & Shingles . . . . . Serveyour of boards Clabords & Shingles

13<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Elijah Carter Thomas Gibson for the present year . . . . . Fence vewers

14<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Cap<sup>t</sup> Jonathan Wood surveyeor for the present year . . . . . suryeor of Hoops & Staves

15<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Mofes Hale for the prefent year  
fealer of Leather

16<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe David Parce for the prefent year  
fealer of weights & meafurer

17<sup>ly</sup> voted to Raife one Hundred & fifty pounds to  
keepe the Highways & Bridges in Repair the prefent year  
£150-0-0

18—voted that the Money Raifed for the highway be  
worked out as was purpofed Laft year & the Delinquents  
if any be to be Returned to the affeffors to be fett on  
the Rate bill feafonably for Collecting the money . . .

19—voted that the poor be put out at the Loweft  
Bidder in Town

voted that the selectmen put out the poor at the  
Loweft Bid and make Return at the meeting on the ad-  
jourment of their proceedings . . . . .

20 voted to Choofe two perfons for a Committee to  
Repair the Bridge up at Mr David Goodels . . . . .

21 voted & Choofe Deacon Kendal Boutell & Thomas  
Stearns for faid Committee to fee the Bridge Repaired in  
the prudenteft manner for the Benfitt of s<sup>d</sup> Town

[308] 22 voted That the Committee Choofen to fee  
to the Repairing of Goodels Bridge make a Report of what  
Coft They Shall Think proper to make faid Bridge pafable  
at the meeting on the adjournment . . . . .

23 voted That their be a Committee Choofen to fee  
to the Repairing the Great Bridg Down Near the meeting  
houfe voted & Choofe Oliver Stickney Phinehas Sawyer to  
fee to the Repairing of faid Bridge & Likewise make a  
Report at the adjournment what Coft & what is wanting  
to Repair s<sup>d</sup> Bridge

24 voted That the Swine Go att Large the prefent  
year under the Regulation of the Law . . .

25 voted That the 8<sup>th</sup> article in the warrant be suf-  
pended untill the adjournment of the meeting in Regard  
to abating fines for Breach of Sabbath . . .

26 voted to fufpend the 9 article in Regard to abat-  
ing Rates till the adjournment of faid meeting

27 voted & Choofe Ephr<sup>m</sup> Kimball saxtion to Take  
Care the meeting Houfe the prefent year & Digg the  
Graves for funerals . . . . .

28 voted That the Countirfitt money in the Hand of Cap<sup>t</sup> Gibson that was presented to the Town for abatement be suspended untill he settles with the Remains of his Collection with the Town Treasurer

29 voted To Accept<sup>t</sup> of a Two Rode Road Laid out By the selectmen or there order the Discription of said Road is as follows

#### Roads

Fitchburg march y<sup>e</sup> 1 1788 we the subscribers have Laid out a Two Rode Road from westminster on Land of Daniel Ferwells Till it strikes the Roade that Leads By Thomas Cowdins Ju<sup>r</sup> and made Two Alterations one by said Cowdens House and one By Elifha Chamberlan and to have the Road as is Now trod

Laid out by Paul wetherbee & Daniel Ferwell Committee This Road is Given By the oweners of the Land & accept<sup>t</sup> as above said march 3<sup>d</sup> 1788

30 voted That the Laft year highway Tax of any person that is Delinquent payer of said Tax be aded to the present year highway Tax when made up & if not Collected that way then to be Returned to the affefors to be Aded to Their Town Tax to be Collected in money . .

31 voted That This meeting be adjourned to Thurfday the Twentyth Day of this instant march at one of the Clock in the affter Noon this meetings is adjourned according Atteft Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

March y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1788 The Town meet according To there adjournment

32 voted that Hezekiah Hodgfkings be Excused from the Collectorship he paying Ten Dollars to the town

33 voted that Nathan Badcock be Excused from the Collectorship he paying Ten Dollars to the Town

Recived of M<sup>r</sup> Hezekiah Hodfkings a Ten Dollar Town order

[309] 34—voted That the Collectorship be Let out to the Lowest bidder They providing Two Good Bondsmen . . . .

35—voted to adjourn Letting out the Collectingship Down to the House of Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowdin

36—voted That John Ozburn be Excused from serving Highway surveyour & Hezekiah Hodgskins Chosen in his Room a Surveyour for the present year . . . . .

37—voted to Build The Buttments of the Bridge at Mr Goodels with Stone

38—voted to Put by the 8<sup>th</sup> article untill the meeting on the adjournment

39—voted to adjourn one Quarter of an hour Down to Esqr Cowdins house.

Daniel Ferwell bid of the Collecting the Public Taxes on the South side of Said Town for Two pound Sixteen Shillings on a Hundred pound so in propotion Greater or Lessor sum . . . . . 2-16-0-

Reuben Smith Bid of the Collecting of the public Taxes on the North side of said Town for Two pounds Sixteen Shillings & Six pence on y<sup>e</sup> Hundred pound . . 2-16-6-

40—voted To adjourn This Meeting To the Twenty fifth Day of this instant march at one of the Clock in the after Noon Kendell Boutell Clerk—protempory

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1788 The Town meet on The adjournment & Proceeded as Follows

Firft voted & Choofe Daniel Ferwell Collector for the south side of said Town and Likewise accepted of Phinehas Sawyer & Thomas Stearns as Bondsmen for said Ferwell for the Faithfull Discharg of his Duty in Collecting the Public Taxes the present year and paying the same where ordred . . . . .

2<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe Reuben Smith Constable for the North side of said Town and Likewise accepted of Liut William Brown & Noah Wiswell as Bondsmen for said Smith for the faithfull Discharge of his Duty in Collecting the Public Taxes on the North Side of said Town the present year & paying the same where ordred . . .

3—voted the Lift offered by Capt Burbank for abatement be suspended till he has Settled all that is Due beside with the Treasurer then to have a hearing . . . . .

4—voted to adjourn This meeting Down to the House of Esqr Cowdins for 15 minits

Then meet & proceeded as follows

voted that The Lift of Taxes offered to be abated for  
Capt Gibson be put up by single sums state tax

voted to allow Capt Gibson Eight Shilling on the  
pound Hard money for 20/ Certificate for state Tax that  
is abated

Jonathan Rufells Tax abated in Capt Gibsons	
Lift for the year 1781 . . . . .	8- 2-6-0
John Goddard Tax abated in Capt Gibsons Lifts	
for the year 1781 . . . . .	2-17-1-0
Ephraim Howard Tax abated in Capt Gibsons	
Lift for the year 1781 . . . . .	2-12-0-0
Robert Upton Tax abated in Capt Gibson List	
for y <sup>e</sup> year 1781 . . . . .	0-14-0-0
Reuben Willard Tax abated in Capt Gibson Lift	
year 1781 . . . . .	0- 6-7-2
Levi Williams Tax abated in Capt Gibsons Lift	
for 1781 . . . . .	0-11-9-0
John Venen Tax abated in Capt Gibsons List	
for 1781 . . . . .	2-19-5-0
Ebenezer Flagg Tax abated in Capt Gibsons Lift	
for 1781 . . . . .	2-17-1-0
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	21- 0-5-2

To be abated for Phin <sup>s</sup> Sawyer for y <sup>e</sup> year 1785	
Uriah Wilkens Tax abated part . . . . .	0- 5-8-1
Samull Hill Tax abated whole . . . . .	0-10-5-2
Berzelel wood Tax abated whole . . . . .	0- 8-3-2
Jobe Hewood Tax abated part . . . . .	0- 2-2-2
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Paid by Liu<sup>t</sup> page . . . . . 1- 6-7-3

To be abated for Josep <sup>h</sup> Phelps for y <sup>e</sup> year 1782	
Josep <sup>h</sup> Davis Tax abated . . . . .	0- 1-7-0
Timothy willard Tax abated . . . . .	0- 1-7-0
Ebenezer Flagg Tax abated . . . . .	0- 6-6-1
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	0- 9-8-1

Afa Perry modrator  
Phinehas Hartwell T. Clerk  
Turn over the other side



[310] March 3<sup>d</sup> 1788

at the meeting of the inhabitants of The Town of fitchburg asssembled in Town meeting voted that the Selectmen Take Care to put out the poor people at the Lowest & Cheepest manner for support . . . .

Liut Thomas Thurston Bid of Mi<sup>s</sup> Hart att Five pounds sixteen shillings By the year or in propotion if She Should not Live the year out £5-16-0-

Eli Smith Bid of by Cap<sup>t</sup> John Goodridge at 1/2

Ɔ<sup>r</sup> week . . . . . 0- 1-2-

Liu<sup>t</sup> Thomas Thurston Bid of Lydea Williams at

1/6 Ɔ<sup>r</sup> week . . . . . 0- 1-6-

March 25<sup>th</sup> 1788—Recorded by order of y<sup>e</sup> Selectmen  
Phin<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Town Clerk

Worcester fs

To Hezekiah Hodgskins one of The Constables for the  
(Seals.) Town of fitchburgh in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting These  
(Seals.) are in The Name of The Commonwealth of the  
(Seals.) Mafsachusetts to will & Require you in Due  
Course of Law to Notifie & warn all the free  
houlders & other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg  
Qualified By Law to vote in Town Meetings for a Repre-  
sentative to asssemble & meet att the meeting House in  
Said Town on Munday the Seventh Day of April Next  
att four Clock in the after Noon Then & their being Duly  
meet & formed to act on the following articles

viz First To Chooße a Moderator to Govern said  
meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To Give in your Votes for a Suteable Discreat per-  
son for a County Treasurer

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant with  
your Doings their on to some or one of us on or before  
said Day

Given under our hand and Seals att Fitchburg the  
Twentyth Day of march 1788

Paul wetherbee	} selectmen for Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jur	

Worcester fs In Obedence to The within warrant I have Notified and warned all the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg To affemble and Meet att the Time and Place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Constable

Att a meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Legally affembled on April 3<sup>d</sup> 1788 for the purpofes hereafter mentioned Then Gave in their votes for the following Gentlemen for a County Treasurer

	No votes
Voted For the Honourable Timothy Paine Esqr .	18
voted For Mr Nathan Perry . . . . .	5
Afa Perry moderator	
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk	

Fitchburg January 22<sup>nd</sup> 1790 Then Came the family of Francis Barnes and wife & five Children & was Taken in to my houle by me Oliver Fullam the Childrens names as follows Betty Ephraim Lydea Sufanna Loral Children of said Barnes Laft from province Land as formerly Called which we the Selectmen of said fitchburg Do not admit of as inhabitants of said fitchburg but Direct that they emediately Depart the Limits of said Town to the Place of there habitancy for support

Pr order Selectmen Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[311] Worcester fs

To Hezekiah Hodgskins Constable for the Town of fitchburg in said County Greeting Thefe are in (Seals) the Name of the Commonwealth of the Massa- (Seals) chufetts to will & Require you forth with to No- (Seals) tifie & warn all The freeholders & other inhabi- tants Qualified by Law to vote for a Representative to affemble & meet att the meeting houle in Said Town on Munday the Seventh Day of April Next att one of the Clock in the after Noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

Firft To Give in your votes for a Governer

2<sup>ly</sup> To Give in your votes for a Liue<sup>t</sup> Governor

3<sup>ly</sup> To Give in your votes for five Senators

Hereof fail Not & make Return of this warrant to some one of us on or before s<sup>d</sup> Day Given under our hand & Seals This Twentyth Day of march 1788

Paul wetherbee }  
Reuben Smith } Select men  
John Thurfton Ju<sup>r</sup> } for Fitchburg

Worcester Is In obedience of the within warrant I have Notified and warn<sup>d</sup> the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to asemble and meet att time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

Att a Meeting of The inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legally affembled in Town meeting on April y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1788

voted & Choofe for a Governor his Excellancy John Hancock . . . . . 39  
voted for the Honourable Elbridge Gary Esq<sup>r</sup> . . 12

The following Gentlemen voted for a Liuet Governor  
voted & Choofe for a Liue<sup>t</sup> Governor The Honourable James Warran Esq<sup>r</sup> . . . . . 24  
Likewise for the Honourable Benjamin Linclon Esq<sup>r</sup> 8

The following Gentlemen voted for for Senators  
voted for the Honourable Amos Singletary . . . 26  
For the honourable Peter Penneman . . . . . 25  
For the Honourable John Fezinton . . . . . 25  
For the Honourable Joseph Stone . . . . . 26  
For Cap<sup>t</sup> Jeremiah Learned . . . . . 25  
For the Honourable Abel Wilder . . . . . 12  
For the Honourable Sam<sup>ll</sup> Baker . . . . . 11  
For the Honourable Mofes Gill . . . . . 11  
For the Honourable Timothy paine . . . . . 10  
For the Honourable Seth Wafhburn . . . . . 11

This meeting Diffolved By the Selectmen

Paul Wetherbee }  
Reuben Smith } Selectmen for  
John Thurfton Ju<sup>r</sup> } Fitchburg  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[312] Worcester fs

(Seals) To Hezekiah Hodgskins one of The Constables of  
 (Seals) the Town of fitchburg in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting  
 (Seals) These are in The Name of The Commonwealth of  
 mafsachufetts To will & Require you in Due  
 Courfe of Law To Notifie and warn all the freehoulders  
 and other Inhabitants of The Town of Fitchburg Qulified  
 by Law to vote in Town Meetings to affemble and meet  
 att the Meeting Houfe in said Town on Munday the  
 seventh Day of April Next att Three Oclock in the after  
 Noon Then & their being Duly meet & forme<sup>d</sup> to act on  
 the following articles

viz Firft To Choofe Moderator to Govern Said Meet-  
 ing

2<sup>ly</sup> To wheather The Town will Comply with a  
 Requeft Signed by a Number of the inhabitants of the  
 Town to Raife a sum of money Suficient to Discharge The  
 Town Debts that are Now Due to Sundrey perfons that  
 y<sup>e</sup> Town are indebted too or actt any Thing Theiron as  
 They fhall think proper

Hereof fail Not to make Return of This warrant with  
 your Dowings their on To some one of us on or before  
 said Day Given under our hand & seals This Twentieth  
 Day of March A. D. 1788

Paul weatherbee	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jur	

Worcester fs

In Obediance to the within warrant I have Notified &  
 warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg to  
 affemble & meet att Time & place within mentioned as  
 the Law Directs . . . . .

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of  
 Fitchburg Legally affembled on April y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> 1788

Firft Voted & Choofe M<sup>r</sup> Afa perry Moderator of s<sup>d</sup>  
 Meeting

2<sup>ndly</sup> Voted to Choofe a Committee to Look into the  
 Circumftances of the Town on account of the Town Debts

& See what is out Standing in the old Collectors hands not Collected & paid in . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> voted & Choofe the Selectmen Mr Oliver Stickney aded for a Committee for the above purpose voted This Committee make a Report att the adjournment of the meeting of their proceedings . . . . .

Voted to adjourn This meeting to the fifteenth Day of may Next at Three Oclock in the after Noon . . . . .

Atteft Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

May y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1788 The inhabitants of said Town meet according to their adjournment the Meeting being opned & proceeded as follows

Firft proceeded & Read the Report of the Committee before the Town as Drawn up by s<sup>d</sup> Committee

Secondly voted Not to Raife any more money untill the fall meeting to Difcharge the prefent Debts

Thirdly voted This meeting to be Difsolved

Afa Perry Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[313] Worcefter fs

(Seals) To Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable for the Town  
(Seals) of fitchburg in said County Greeting Thefe are In  
(Seals) the Name of the Commonwealth of Mafsachufetts  
to will & Require you in Due Courfe of Law to Notife and warn all the mail inhabitants of fitchburg of twenty one years of age and upwards having a freehold Eftate of the value of Sixty pounds or the annual income of Three pounds to affemble & meet at the meeting houfe in fitchburg Thurfdays the fifteenth Day of may att Three Clock in the after noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following article to witt . . . . .

Firft to see if the Town will Elect & Depute any perfon to serve for and Reprefent them in the Great an General Court or affembly to be held in this Commonwealth on the Laft wednefsday in May a Greeable to the Conftetution or act anything their on as they Shall Think proper



Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant on or before said Day Given under our hand & seals att Fitchburg This Twentyth fourth Day of April A. D. 1788

Paul Wetherbee	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurfton Jur	

Worcester fs in Obediance to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to Assemble & meet att time & place within mentioned as the Law Directs . . . . .

Hezekiah Hodgskins Constable

Att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legaly assembled on May y<sup>e</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> 1788 Then made Chooice of Mr Daniel Putnam to Represent said Town of fitchburg in the Great an General Court or assembly to be Convened & held att Boston on the Laft wednesday of this instant may 1788

Atteft

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) Worcester fs To Hezekiah Hodgskins Constable  
(Seals) for the Town of Fitchburg in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting  
(Seals) These are in the Name of the Commonwealth of  
Mafsachusetts to will & Require you forthwith in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to assemble and meet att the meeting houle in said fitchburg on Tuefday the Ninth Day of Septem<sup>r</sup> Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon then & their being Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles Viz . . . . .

First—to Chooſe a Moderator to Govern ſaid meeting

2<sup>ly</sup>—to ſee if the Town will Raiſe money to Support the Revernd Mr payſon the preſent year

3<sup>ly</sup>—to See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raiſe for ſchools the preſent year or act any Thing theiron as they Shall Think proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup>—To See what Sum or Sums of money the Town will Raiſe to Diſcharge there Debts and other Town Charges

5<sup>ly</sup>—To See what method The Town will take to provide Mr paysons wood the year infueing . . . . .

6<sup>ly</sup>—To See what method the Town will take to Settle with sum perfons that they are indebted to or act any thing theiron as They shall think proper . . . . .

7<sup>ly</sup>—To See what method the Town will take to Recover a sum of money which appears to be £21-18-5-3 in the hand of Thomas Cowden Esq<sup>r</sup> former Treasurer . .

[314] 8<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will allow the accounts that shall be Brought in by the Bridge Committee

9<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will make any further abatements in any of the Collectors Lifts . . . . .

10<sup>ly</sup> To See what method the Town will Take to Build the New Caseway on the New Road Near Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowdins which is soon to be opned or act any thing theiron as they Shall think proper . . . . .

11<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will accept of any Road or Roads that are Laid out By the Selectmen or their order

12<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will erect a Meeting house in the center of the Town or Receive any part of westminster that shall be willing to Join with us and Then erect a meeting house in the Nearest Covenant place to the center or act any thing Theiron as they Shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings theiron to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our Hands & seals This Twenty fifth Day of August A D 1788

Paul wetherbee	} Selectmen For Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jur	

Worcester Is In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to assemble and meet att time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgfkins Conftable

Att a Meeting of the Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legually Assembled on Tuefday the Ninth Day of

September 1788 the meeting being opned & proceeded as followes . . . . .

Firft Voted & Choofe De<sup>a</sup> Daniel Putnam Moderator of said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raife £66-13-4 to support the Revernd<sup>d</sup> m<sup>r</sup> payfon the prefent year

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raife 45-0-0 to support the fchools the prefent year and Likewife to have the fchools money Laid out in each Quarter of said Town as was formerly by there Committees

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choofe a Committee to provide fchooling in each Quarter of said Town voted this Committee Confift of fix perfons for the above purpofe

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Choofe Abijah Goodridge Jofeph Fox Abraham willard Jacob Allen Reuben Gibfon Ju<sup>r</sup> John Thurfton Ju<sup>r</sup> . . . . .

6 Voted to pafs over the fourth article for the prefent in Regard to Railing money . . . . .

[315] 7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Let out the Gitting of m<sup>r</sup> payfons wood to the Loweft bidders to Gitt Thirty Cord of Good wood & Deliverd it at m<sup>r</sup> payfons Door . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choofe a Committy for y<sup>e</sup> Letting out the Gitting of m<sup>r</sup> Payfons wood viz Choofe Afa Perrey David Pratt Phinehas Sawyer for the above purpofe . .

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted To Choofe a Committee to Settle with Nehemiah Fuller on account of a Note said Fuller has againft the Town & Likewife with Jofeph Fox on account of his Difcharging part of an Execution againft the Town in the hand of Colo Greenlief

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Choofe Afa Perry Moses Hale Phinehas Sawyer for said Committee for s<sup>d</sup> purpofe

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Choofe Phinehas Hartwell Jofeph Fox Thomas Starns John Thurfton Ju<sup>r</sup> oliver Stickney to be a Committee to Look into the Circumftances of the money Supposed to be in the hand of Efqr Cowden former Treafurer as Seet forth in the feventh article in the warrant and make Report att the adjournment of said meeting

12<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over the eighth article in the warrant for the prefent in Regard to the Bridges accounts

13<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the affessors act Discrefanary in Regard to abating Mr Edward Scotts Rates in a Lift Committed to Cap<sup>t</sup> Reuben Gibson to Collect for the year 1781 . . . . .

14<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over the Ninth article in the warrant in Regard to abating any persons Rate in the Collectors hand till the adjournment of said meeting . . .

15<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choofe a Committee to over See the Building the Causeway on the New County Road in Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowdens Land and that the whole Town have the Liberty to work on said Road or Caseway their propotional part

16<sup>ly</sup> Voted & Choofe Three persons as a Committee for the above purpose viz Joseph Fox Asa Perry Thomas Cowden Esq<sup>r</sup> Voted this Committee Shall vew the New Road and Estemate the Cost and make Report att the adjournment of s<sup>d</sup> meeting for affeing a Bill

17<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Road Laid by the Selectmen for Joseph Richardfon & Jefe Stevens & others be passed over till the adjournment of said meeting

18<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the 12 article in the warrant in Regard to placing the meeting house be passed over untill the adjournment of Said meeting . . . . .

19<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjourn this meeting to Tuesday the Twenty Third Day of this instant September att one a Clock in the after noon This meeting accordingly adjourned  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

September 23<sup>rd</sup> 1788 The Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting opned

First Voted to act on the Twelth article in Regard to placing the meeting house

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choofe a Committee to examine and find out a place to erect a Meeting House in the most Convenant place to accomadate the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choofe five persons for the above purpose Viz Moses Hale De<sup>a</sup> Daniel Putnam Jacob upton Asa Perrey oliver Stickney they Report att the adjournment

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to allow the Bridge accounts Brought in by Kendal Boutel & Thomas Stearns Committee on Goodel Bridge Sum total of which is 37-12-0-

[316] 5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raife Forty pounds to make the Causeway on the New County Road in Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowdins Land and that the assessors assess the same on the inhabitants of Said Town in a Single Rate

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted that Those persons that Travels to work on the County Road shall be allowed after the Rate of four pence for every three miles so in propotion and four pence on the spoot the Teams & Carts Ploughs oxen the Same as att other Highway work further addition on the

Second adjournment Voted that the forty pound to make the Causeway be assessed and be Delivered to the Highway Surveyours by the assessors that they bring on Their Squadrens as they Shall be ordred by the Committee for working out there propotinal parts

Second adjournment addition vote Voted that the Highway Surveyours Return there Lifts with the Delinquent payers to the selectmen at or before the first Day of December next to be added to there Town Rates

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjourn this meeting to Thursday the second Day of October Next at one of the Clock in the after Noon this meeting is accordingly adjourned

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

October y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> 1788 The Town meet according to there adjournment the meeting being opned and proceeded as follows

First Voted to allow the Bridge account Brought in by Oliver Stickney Phinehas Sawyer Committee on said Bridge the sum total of which is . . . . . 14-12-2-

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Town Treasurer be and hereby is ordred to pay the several persons that was employed By the Committies on each Bridge the sum Annexed to each persons Name as Brought in by said Committee and Take Receipts for the same

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Raife Two Hundred & Twenty pounds to Discharge the Cost of the Bridges & other Town Debts exclusive minifers schools County Road

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Refer the settling the money supposed to be in the hand of Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowden to the Selectmen which sum is 21-18-5-3 as seet forth in y<sup>e</sup> warrant



5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to accept<sup>t</sup> of a Two Rod Road Laid out for Joseph Richardson Jesse Stevens Joseph How & others so far as the Land is Given & know futher

\* Fitchburg June y<sup>e</sup> 12 1788 We the subscribers haveing Laid out a two Rod Road in the Northardly part of This Town Begining to wards the Norardly part of Stephen Pingrey Land turning out of the old Road by a Read oak marked on the west Side Then Runing Through Ebenezer McIntire Land Then Runing through part of Mr Jacob McIntire Land then Running Through Land of Joseph Richardson then Runing Through Land of Mr Jesse Stevens then Runing Through Land of Joseph How then Runs Through Land of Mr Thomas Greenough to afhby Line with trees marked all the way on the westerdly side of the Road

Reuben Smith        ) Selectmen For  
John Thurfton Jur } Fitchburg

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Not accept<sup>t</sup> of the Report of the Committee in Regard to there finding a Covenant place to seet a meeting house . . . . .

[317] 7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to see wheather the meeting house Shall Stand where it Now is it pased in the Negetive . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to see wheather the Town will erect a meeting Houfe in the Center of the Town or the Neareft Covenant place & it pased in the affermitive — after some Consideration on the matter . . . . .

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Reconfider all the votes pased in Regard to placing the meeting Houfe

10 Voted to adjourn this meeting to fryday the Third Day of this instant october at Nine of the Clock in the morning the meeting adjourned accordingly

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

October y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788 The Town meet according to the adjournment the meeting being opned

Firft Voted to take up the Ninth article in Regard to abating of Rates in the Colletors hands

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\* Now known as part of Richardson Road. [Annotation on the margin. W. A. D.]

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pafs over abating Nicholas Danforths Rate in Capt Gibsons Lifts untill march Next

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate william Clerks poll Tax in Capt Gibsons Lifts for the year 1781 which sum is one pound Eighteen shillings seven pence 2<sup>qr</sup> . . . . . £1-18-7-2

4<sup>ly</sup> Voted to abate william Holt Rates in Joseph Phelps Lift for the year 1782 Town Rate 3/0-1 minifter Rate 3/4-1 Claſs Rate 6/6-1 whole some 0-12-10-3

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to act on the twelfth article in the warrant in Regard to placing the meeting houſe motion made to ſee if the Town will Reſt the meeting houſe where it now ſtands vote put up

6<sup>ly</sup> Voted not to Reſt the meeting Houſe where it Now Stands ſo paſſed in the Negative motioned to ſee if the Town will Erect a meeting houſe on the hill up by Phin<sup>s</sup> Sawyers the Vote put up

7<sup>ly</sup> Voted to erect a Meeting Houſe up on the hill Near Phinehas Sawyers Houſe on the Land belonging to the Heirs of M<sup>r</sup> Ezra Upton of Danvers

voted to poll for a True vote Nays 17 yeas 32 . . .

8<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choofe a Committee to Conſult with the inhabitants of the weſt part of the Town and inform them the proceedings of the Town in Regard to placing the meeting houſe to accomidate them & Carrey the ſame into Execution

9<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Choofe five perſons for a Committee for the above purpoſe & Carreying on the meeting houſe

Viz Reuben Smith Aſa Perrey Phinehas Sawyer Elijah Carter Jacob upton

Voted this Committee to be inveſted with power to agree with the owners of the New fraim Erecting for a Meeting Houſe in the Nor weſterdly part of the Town if that Appears Cheapeſt for the Town other ways are inveſted with power to provide meterals & Timber for Building a New meeting Houſe in the prudenteſt manner for ſaid Town on ſaid Plat of Ground

10<sup>ly</sup> Voted that the Committee appointed to provide for building the New meeting houſe make a Report of there proceedings at the Next Town meeting

11<sup>ly</sup> Voted to accept of the Committee proceeding in Letting out m<sup>r</sup> payfons wood and pay each persons there Respective Sums annexed to there Name

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[318] October y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788

A Return made By the Committee appointed to Let out the Gitting m<sup>r</sup> payfons wood for the year 1788 are as follows

	£	l	d
bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord 4/10 each . .	1-	4-	2
Bid of by Benjamin Danforth 5 Cord at 4/6 each	1-	2-	6
Bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord at 4/5 each . .	1-	2-	1
Bid of by Joshua Needham 5 Cord at 4/4 each . .	1-	1-	8
Bid of by Benj <sup>a</sup> Danforth 5 Cord at 4/2 each . .	1-	0-	10
Bid of by Nehemiah fuller 5 Cord at 3/11 each . .	0-	19-	7

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6-10-10

Voted to allow the above sums in Town meeting to each person october 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788

Recorded By order of Selectmen

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

The Several Sums Raifed in town meeting to Repair The Two Bridges and the Names of the persons that ware employed are as follows

Deacon Kendel Boutell Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . .	3-	9-	0
Daniel Ferwell Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	2-	15-	10
James Poole Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	1-	18-	6
Samuell Harrice acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	1-	17-	0
Joseph Ofgood acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	1-	7-	0
Thomas French bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	1-	11-	6
Hezekiah Hodgskins Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	1-	8-	6
John Ozburn Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	1-	13-	6
Oliver Fullam Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	1-	2-	6
Jacob Fullam Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	0-	13-	0
Zacheus Ferwell Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	1-	4-	0
Blaney Phillips Bridge acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	0-	13-	0
Pelege Battles — — acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	0-	18-	0
William Moredock acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	0-	9-	6
Thomas Cowdin J <sup>ur</sup> — acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	0-	6-	0
Jabez Sawyer — acc <sup>t</sup> . . . . .	0-	5-	0

Thomas Stearns acct	. . . . .	1-19- 0
David Goodel Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-16- 0
Francis Fullum acct	. . . . .	0-15- 0
Nehmiah Fuller acct	. . . . .	1- 4- 0
Nehemiah Fuller Ju <sup>r</sup> acct	. . . . .	0- 9- 0
John Hodgfkns acct	. . . . .	0-13- 6
Daniel Harrice acct	. . . . .	0- 9- 0
Joseph Downe acct	. . . . .	0-13- 6

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Ephraim Ozburn Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-10-6
Timothy Fullam Bridge acct	. . . . .	1- 5-6
John Simonds Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-15-0
Oliver Brown Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0
John Ferwell Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-0
Jacob Ozburn Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-15-0
Samuell French Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-15-0
Andrew Goodel Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-15-0
David Pratt Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 5-0
Amos Fik Bridge acct	. . . . .	1- 1-8
Jacob Allen Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 9-0
Simeon Ferwell Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-0
Abel Baldwin Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0
William Gale Rum for y <sup>e</sup> Bridge	. . . . .	0-10-0
Kendell Boutell Ju <sup>r</sup> Bridge acct	. . . . .	1- 1-0

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Goodels Bridge accounts sum Total . . . . . 9- 0-8

The following Bill for the service at the mill Bridge

Aseph Goodridge Bridge acct	. . . . .	1-14-0
Cap <sup>t</sup> Samuel Burbank Bridge acct	. . . . .	0-19-6
David parces Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-0
John Upton Bridge acct	. . . . .	1-10-0
Joseph Phelps Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-0
John Brown Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0
Amos Parce Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0
Joseph Sawyer — — acct	. . . . .	0- 9-0
Luke Sawyer Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 9-0
John Putnams Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 6-8
Samuell Frenchs Bridge acct	. . . . .	0- 3-0

Solomon Storey Bridge acct wheels in . . . . .	0- 8-6
Solomon Gibson Bridge acct . . . . .	0- 3-0

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Sum total . . . . . 7- 0-8

[319] Amos ordway Bridge acct . . . . .	0- 3-0
Jeremiah Kinfman Bridge acct . . . . .	0- 3-0
John Thurston J <sup>ur</sup> Bridge acct . . . . .	0- 3-0
Cap <sup>t</sup> John Goodridge Bridge acct . . . . .	0- 3-0
Timothy Fullam Bridge acct . . . . .	0- 6-0
Benja <sup>a</sup> Jaquith Bridge acct . . . . .	0- 3-0
John Ferwell Bridge acct . . . . .	0-19-6
Jonathan Commings acct . . . . .	0- 9-0
Hezekiah Hodgskins acct . . . . .	0- 4-6
Jonathan Holt Bridge acct . . . . .	0- 7-6
Paul wetherbee acct . . . . .	0- 3-0
Samuel Harrice acct . . . . .	0- 3-0

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sum Total . . . . . £3- 7-6

	£	f	d
Daniel Ferwell acct . . . . .	0-	3-	0
Joseph Gray Bridg acct . . . . .	0-	1-	6
Jofhua Parce — acct . . . . .	0-	4-	0
Ephraim Kimball acct . . . . .	0-	16-	6
David Pratt — acct . . . . .	0-	8-	10
Oliver Stickney acct vandue in acct . . . . .	0-	11-	9
Phin <sup>e</sup> Sawyer Bridge acct vandue in acct . . . . .	0-	9-	11
Joseph Fox for Rum Shuger . . . . .	0-	12-	6
Joseph Osgood—accts . . . . .	0-	1-	6
Abijah Goodridges acct . . . . .	0-	17-	9
Moses Hale Bridge acct . . . . .	0-	11-	6

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Sum Total . . . . . 4-18- 9

3- 7- 6

7- 0- 8

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15- 6-11

October 3<sup>rd</sup> 1788 att a Town Meeting The above accounts ware Allowed



12<sup>ly</sup> Voted This meeting To be Diffolved

Daniel Putnam Moderator

Attest—Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(Seals) Worcester fs To Hezekiah Hodgfkns Conftable for  
 (Seals) The Town of Fitchburg in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting  
 (Seals) Thefe are in the Name of the Common wealth of  
 Maffachufetts to will & Require you forth with  
 in Due Courfe of Law To Notifie and warn all the free-  
 holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg  
 Qualified by Law to vote in Town meetings to affemble  
 and meet att the meeting houfe in said fitchburg on  
 Tuefday the Twenty firft Day of This Instant October at  
 one of the Clock in the after Noon Then & their being  
 Duly meet & formed to act on the following articles viz

Firft To Chooſe a moderator To Govern ſaid meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Vote to ſuch Inhabitants  
 as ſhall petition there for The firſt meeting Houſe that  
 was to attend public worſhip in by the inhabitants of the  
 Town or act any thing their on as they ſhall Think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Vote to the ſaid peti-  
 tioners the Revernd Mr Payſon to Be their Miniſter they  
 paying him his Sallary Granted to him at his ſettling  
 with us or act any thing their on as they Shall Think  
 proper . . . . .

4<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Vote ſaid petitioners with  
 their Reſpective Eſtates to Bee incorporated to be a poll  
 pariſh . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> to ſee if the Town will Comply with a Requeſt  
 of a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town of Fitch-  
 burg to Grant that they together with there Reſpective  
 Eſtates & Intereſt may be ſet of from Fitchburg and  
 Annexed to the Town of Lunenburg providing the above  
 articles Can not be Obtaned

Hereof Fail Not and make Return of this warrant  
 with your Dowings there on To ſome or one of us on or  
 before ſaid Day Given under our hand & ſeals att Fitch-  
 burg This ſeventh Day of October A D 1788

Paul wetherbee	} Selectmen for fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurſton Jun <sup>r</sup>	

Worcester fs

In Obidiance to This within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to affemble & meete at time and place within mentioned as the Law Directs

Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

[320] Att A Meeting of The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Legaly Affembled on Tuefday the Twenty Firft Day of this instant October 1788

Firft Voted & Choofe Efqr Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin Moderator of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to poll the Houfe on a motion made to adjourn s<sup>d</sup> meeting which Vote pafsed in the Negetive not to adjourn . . . . .

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Give Those petitioners that Called the meeting Live to with Draw there petition Then voted to Diffolve the meeting . . . . .

The meeting is accordingly Diffolved

Thomas Cowdin Moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Clerk

Worcester fs

(seals) To Either of the Constables of the Town of Fitch-  
(seals) burg—Greeting These are in the Name of the  
(seals) Commonweallth of Massachusetts To will and  
Require you forth with By Verbale Notice to warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants Qualafied By Law in the Town of fitchburg to vote in Town meetings to affemble and meet at the meeting house in said Fitchburg on Tuefday the Twenty first Day of this instant October att four O Clock in the after Noon then and there being Duly meet and formed to act on the following articles viz

Firft to Choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> to See what method the Town will Take for the futher support of of Ephraim Smith who hath Returned to this Town under Necefsetous Circumstances or act any thing theiron as they shall Think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will perfue there procefs in Law aganft Cap<sup>t</sup> Elifha Smith on to Execution to Gitt Reid of said Ephraim and his family or act any Thing thereon as they Shall Think proper

Hereof fail not and make Return of This warrant with your Dowings Theiron to some one of us before the time apponted for said meeting Given under our Hands & Seals this Twentyth Day of this instant October 1788

Paul wetherbee	} Select men for Fitchburg
Reuben Smith	
John Thurfton J <sup>ur</sup>	

Worcester Is October y<sup>e</sup> 21<sup>st</sup> 1788

A Greable to the within warrant I have Notified the inhabitants of the town of fitchburg that ware here present to attend at the Time & place within Directed

Reuben Smith Conftable

Att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legually Affembled on Tuesday the Twentith first Day of this instant October 1788 . . . . .

First Voted & Choofe Esq<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin moderator of s<sup>d</sup> meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Let out Ephraim Smith to the Lowest Bidder by the week till march provided he Should Stay where he was put out in Town . . . . .

3 Voted to adjourn this meeting Down to Esq<sup>r</sup> Cowdins House for one half hour then to proceede Ephraim Smith Bid of by Stephen pingrey J<sup>ur</sup> at Two Shillings & five pence a weak while he Stays with him

4 Voted to Refer the Third article in the warrant in Regard to Carring on the procefs againft Cap<sup>t</sup> Elifha Smith of worcester to the Selectmen to Call the matter into Execution by our Agent Choofen for that purpose or by themselves or any other person they shall appoint in behalf of the Town as soon as Posfable may be

5 Voted This meeting to be Diffolved & is Diffolved Accordingly

Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowdin moderator  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

[321] westminster Afhburnham  
Recorded on page 323 afterwards

This Day preambled The Lines Betwene The Towns  
of Lunenburg and Fitchburg and Renewed the bounds a  
Greable to Law

October 23 <sup>d</sup> 1788	John Fuller }	Selectmen
	Jacob welfh }	of Lunenburg
	Paul Weatherbee }	Selectmen
	Reuben Smith }	of Fitchburg

Pr order Selectmen Recorded

This Day preambled The Lines Betwene Fitchburg  
& Afhby Towns and Renewed the Bounds agreeable To  
Law

Nov <sup>m</sup> 4 <sup>th</sup> 1788	Stephen Patch }	in Behalf of afhby
	Thomas Evens }	
	Reuben Smith }	Selectmen of
	John Thurston Jun <sup>r</sup> }	Fitchburg

Pr order Selectmen Recorded

Phin<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) Worcester Is To Reuben Smith Constable for the  
(seals) Town of fitchburg in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting These  
(seals) are in the Name of the Commonwealth of Massa-  
chusetts to will and Require you fourthwith in  
Due Courfe of Law to Notife & warn all the freeholders  
and other Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qualified  
as the Law Requires to vote for a Representative to  
affemble & meete at the meeting House in said fitchburg  
on Thursday the Eighteenth Day of December Next at one  
a Clock in the after Noon Then and their being Duly meet  
& formd to act on the following articles Viz—

1<sup>ly</sup> To Give in Their Votes for There Representative  
to Represent The people of This Deftrict which is the  
County of Worcester in the Congress of the united States

2<sup>ly</sup> To Give in their Votes for two persons who Shall  
be Inhabitants of this Deftrict as Candidats for an Elector  
of the presedent and vice presedent of the united States

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with  
your Dowings Thiron to some one of us on or before said

Day Given under our hands and Seals this Twenty Eight  
Day of Novembr A. D. 1788

Paul wetherbe      Reuben Smith  
John Thurfton J<sup>ur</sup>      Selectmen—

att a meeting of the inhabitants of the Town of fitch-  
burg Legaly affembled in Town meeting Decem y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1788  
agreeable to the Refolve of the General Court . . . .

The following Gentlemen ware Voted for to Reprefen-  
tives for the Deftrict of worcefter County

	No
For the Honourable Abel Wilder Efqr votes . . . .	37
For the Honourable Jonathan Warren Efqr votes . .	1
For the Honourable Timothy paine Efqr votes . . .	1

Likewife The following Gentlemen ware Voted for as  
Candadates for Elector of the prefedent and Vice prefedent  
of the united States

	No
For the Honourable Seth warfhburn Efqr votes	17
For the Honourable John Felsondon Efqr votes	15
For the Honourable Artemos ward Efqr vots	9
For the Honourable John Sprague Efqr votes	8
For the Hon <sup>l</sup> Jonathan Grout Efqr votes	1

Recorded By order of The General Court &c

Phin<sup>s</sup> Hartwell Clerk

[322] Worcefter fs

(seals) To Either of The Constables of the Town of  
(seals) Fitchburg Greeting Thefe are in the Name of the  
(seals) Commonwealth of Maffachufetts to will and Re-  
quire you in Due Courfe of Law to Notifie and  
warn all y<sup>e</sup> Freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town  
of Fitchburg Qulified By Law to vote in Town meetings  
to affemble and meet at the meeting Houfe in said Fitch-  
burg on munday the Eighth Day of December Next at  
Two of the Clock in the after Noon Then & their being  
Duly meet & forme<sup>d</sup> to act on the following articles Viz

First To Choofe a Moderator to Govern said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Sett of the Norwestardly  
part of s<sup>d</sup> Town as a Town Viz begining at westminfter



Line at the South west Corner of Nethaniel Sawyers Land including Thomas Fairbanks Benja<sup>a</sup> Hartwell Tho<sup>s</sup> Carter Elijah Carter the Heirs of Ezra Upton Phinehas Hartwell Stephen & Tho<sup>s</sup> Thurston and from thence to a ffbby Line with their Tenements & Eftates or act any thing thereon as they shall think proper

3<sup>ly</sup> if the Town Should not See fitt to comply with the above Requests we would ernestly Request of the Town that they would set us off as a parish upon Honourable Terms as may be agreed upon with Being annexed with the adjacent parties or act any thing thereon as they Shall Think proper

4<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Raife any Sum or Sums of money to Repair The County Road betwene Charles willards and the Town Line or act any thing thereon as they Shall Think proper . . . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> To See if the Town will Give up some Beeds and other Household Furneture To the wife of Ephraim Smith which was Brought to this Town with them which are at Mr Seth Phillipfes or act any Thing theiron as they shall Think proper . . . . .

Hereof fail not and make Return of This warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hands and seales This Twenty Second Day of November A. D. 1788

Paul Wetherbee	} Select men
Reuben Smith	
John Thurston Jun <sup>r</sup>	

Worcester fs

In obedience to This within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to affemble and meet at Time and place within mentioned as the Law Direct

Hezekiah Hodgfkns Conftable

Att a Meeting of The Inhabitants of The Town of fitchburg Affembled on munday y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> Day of December A D 1788 The meeting being opned proceeded as follows

Firft Voted & Choofe Thomas Cowden Esq<sup>r</sup> Moderator of said meeting

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pass over the Second & Third articles in the warrant at y<sup>e</sup> present

3<sup>ly</sup> Voted to pass over the fourth article in the warrant in Regard to Raising any money to Repair the County Road Near Jacob Uptons . . . . .

[323] 4<sup>ly</sup> Voted That the wife of Ephraim Smith shall have her Household furniture provided She Takes away her Children from the Town That the Town Receives know further Damages from said family . . .

5<sup>ly</sup> Voted to adjourn the Second & Third article in the warrant to the Eighteenth Day of This instant December at Ten of the Clock in the morning Then to See if the Town will Set of the Norwestardly part of said Town as a Town or parish

Phineas Hartwell Town Clerk

Decembr y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1788 The Town assembled according to adjournment the meeting Being opned the people Ready to attend none of the Requesters appeared to act . . .

First Voted to adjourn This meeting to four a Clock on said Day in the after Noon then to meete

The Town Being meet at five a Clock on Said Day the meeting being opned None of the Requesting party of said meeting appeared to support the Cause or Desire any further adjournment

2<sup>ly</sup> Voted to Dissolve This meeting the meeting is Dissolved accordingly

Thos Cowden moderator

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

(seals) Worcester Is To Hezekiah Hodgfkins Conftable  
(seals) for Fitchburg in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting These are in

The Name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to will & Require you fourthwith in Manner as the Law Directs to Notifie & warn all the freeholders and other inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Qulified to Vote for a Representative to the General Court of This Commonwealth to assemble and meet att the meeting house on Thursday the Twenty Ninth of January Currant

at Two of the Clock in the after Noon to Give in there Votes for a Representative who Shall be an inhabitant of the Deftrict of worcester to Reprsent the said Deftrict in the Congress of the united States of America

Hereof fail Not and make Return of this warrant with your Dowings thereon to some one of us on or before said Day Given under our hand and seals att fitchburg the sixteenth Day of January A. D. 1789

Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen for  
John Thurston Jur } Fitchburg

The Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg Legaly Affsembled in Town meeting on Thursday the Twenty Ninth Day of this instant January 1789 agreeable to a Refolve of y<sup>e</sup> General Court . . . . .

Then Gave in there Votes for the following Gentlemen in the Deftrict of worcester to Represent the people thereof in the Congress of the united Stats

	No Vots
For the Honourable Artamas Ward Esqr . . . . .	12
For the Honourable Timothy Pain Esqr . . . . .	10
For the Honourable Abel Wilder Esqr . . . . .	5
For the Honourable Jonathan Grout Esqr . . . . .	1

In obedience to the within warrant I have Notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg to affemble and meete att time and place within mentioned as the Law directs Hezekiah Hodgskins Conftable

This being seet here by omiting the proper place  
Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk

March 24<sup>th</sup> 1789 This Day the Line betwene westminster & fitchburg preambilated & Renewed the Bounds according to Law By us the subscribers Selectmen for Fitchburg & westminster

Edmund Bemis } Selectmen for  
Jonathan Hager } westminster  
Paul Wetherbee } Selectmen for  
John Thurston Jur } fitchburg

March 24 1789 we the subscribers have this Day pre-ambelated and Renewed the Bounds betwene Ashburnham & Fitchburg according to Law

Samuel Fofter	}	Selectmen for
Jonathan Samfon		Ashburnham
Paul Wetherbee	}	Selectmen for
John Thurfton Jur		Fitchburg

[324] Worcefter fs To Either of the Conftables of  
 (seals) The Town of Fitchburg in s<sup>d</sup> County Greeting  
 (seals) Thefe are In the Name of The Commonwealth of  
 (seals) Maffachufetts To will and Require you forthwith  
 By Verble Notice to warn all The Freeholders and  
 Other inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg Qulified as  
 the Law Directs to Vote for a Representative to the Gen-  
 eral Court of This Commonwealth to affemble & meet at  
 the meeting Houfe in said Fitchburg on munday The  
 Second Day of March Next at four a Clock after Noon to  
 Give in there Votes for a Representative to Represent the  
 Said Deftrict of worcefter in the Congrefs of the United  
 States of America . . . . .

Hereof fail Not and make return of This warrant with  
 your Doings thereon to some one of us on or before said  
 Day Given under our hands & Seals this Twentieth Day  
 of February A. D. 1789

Paul Wetherbee	}	Selectmen
Reuben Smith		
John Thurfton Jur		

Worcefter fs

Agreable to the within warrant I have warned the  
 Inhabitants of the Town of fitchburg By Verble Notice  
 to attend at the time & place within mentioned . . .

Reuben Smith Conftable

The Inhabitants of the Town of Fitchburg being  
 Legally affembled in Town Meeting on Munday the second  
 Day of March 1789 Agreable to the Refolve of the General  
 Court Gave in there Votes for the following Gentlemen  
 in the Deftrict of worcefter County to Represent the People  
 thereof in the Congrefs of the United States . . . . .

For the Horourable Artamos Ward	<sup>Votes</sup>	} Representative to Congress
Esq <sup>r</sup> No of Votes . . . . .	10	
For the Horourable Jonathan Grout Esq <sup>r</sup>	20	
For the Horourable Timothy Paine Esq <sup>r</sup>	16	

Sealed up & Directed to the secretary office agreeable  
to order of Court . . . . .

Phinehas Hartwell Town Clerk





Ephraim Whitney Town Clerk

1764, 1765.

Amos Kimball } Town Clerk

1766.

Thos Cowdin Town Clerk

1767—1774.

1779, 1780.

1782, 1783.

Joseph Fox } Town Clerk

1775—1778.

1781.

1796—1807.

Phineas Hartwell } Town Clerk

1784—1795.

## APPENDIX



## APPENDIX.

### PAPERS FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES.

Whereas the Late act of Court Passed for filling up and Compleating the Continental army ordered a Return to be made to the Secretaries office on or before y<sup>e</sup> first Day of June Next but Did not say by whome s<sup>d</sup> Return should be made these may Certify that the militia officers of the town of Fitchburg Have agreeable thei<sup>r</sup>to Drafted four men and made a return to the Colo of the Regiment s<sup>d</sup> men to serve in the Continental service for Nine months

Fitchburg May y<sup>e</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1778

To the Secretary's  
office

[Vol. 41, page 328.]

David Goodridge	} Select men for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	

An accompt of the several articles Collected from the inhabitants of the town of Fitchburg for the Cont<sup>l</sup> soldiers and the price of each article as follows viz

Twenty four pairs of Shoes at 48/- each pair	£57-12-0
Twenty four " of Stockings at 30/- " "	36 00 0
Twenty one Woolen Shirts 60/- " shirt	63 00 0
three Linen Shirts at 40/- " "	6 00 0

Fitchburg September y<sup>e</sup> 18 1778

To John Wate agent for the County of Worcester Sr We here send you the things that we have collected and the price of each article that we were obliged to give as you may see inventory above We have taken unwearied pains to Compleat our Coto But through sickness and want of Help we are Disepointed and Cud not make a seasonable Return for we new not what we should Collect before. Our Spirite is Good but our Help is weak

David Goodridge	} Selectmen for Fitchburg
Phinehas Hartwell	
Abraham Gibson	
Elijah Carter	

[Vol. 41, page 206.]



To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts In General Court assembled at Boston May 5th 1781

The petition of Abijah Holbrook in the Name and Behalf of Silas Pratt of Fitchburgh in the County of Worcester in the sd Commonwealth

Humbly Sheweth that the said Silas preferred a petition to the General Court In the month of January Last praying that he might be allowed His Wages for ten months & Eleven Days which he was in Captivity In New York in the Year 1780 and for the loss of a blanket but your petitioner finds that the petition is lost or mislaid, Your petitioner Therefore prays Your Honours to take the Case into your wise Consideration and as the proper Vouchers Cannot be found Enquire of the Honourable Jabez Fisher of the Senate and Capt Cowden Representative of sd Fitchburgh and grant such Relief as you In your Wisdom May See Just and Reasonable as your petitioner In Duty bound Shall Ever pray

Abijah Holbrook

[Vol. 187, page 127.]

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To the Hon<sup>ble</sup> the Senate & House of Representatives in General Court assembled Sept. 1782

The Petition of Thomas Cowdin in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg Humbly sheweth that the Number of Men for the Continental Army by the last Requisition was four Men for the sd Town accordingly they have raised three able Men & sent forward to said Army—& suppose that three Men is the full Proportion for said Town according to the Neighboring Towns. And as said Town is ready at all Times to do their full proportion & are greatly Burdened with Bridges & Bad Roads Wherefore your Petitioner humbly prays that this Hon<sup>ble</sup> Court would remit to the Town of Fitchburgh afores<sup>d</sup> the Fine that is already laid on sd Town for not raising the 4<sup>th</sup> Man according to the said last Requisition And as in duty bound shall ever pray

Thos Cowdin

[Vol. 238, page 86.]

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the House of Representatives October 7<sup>th</sup> 1782

On the Petition of Thomas Cowden in behalf of the Town of Fitchburg Praying for the remission of a fine Laid on said Town for not Procuring one man of the Last three years Men for the Continental Army

Resolved that the Prayer of the said Petition be so far Granted that the execution against the said Town of Fitchburg for the Deficiency of one Man for the Last requisition of Men to fill up the Continental Army be staid untill the further Order of the General Court—any Resolve to the Contrary Notwithstanding

Sent up for Concurrence

Nath Gorham Speaker

In Senate Novr 2<sup>d</sup> 1782

Read & Concurred

Approved

S. Adams, Prest.

John Hancock

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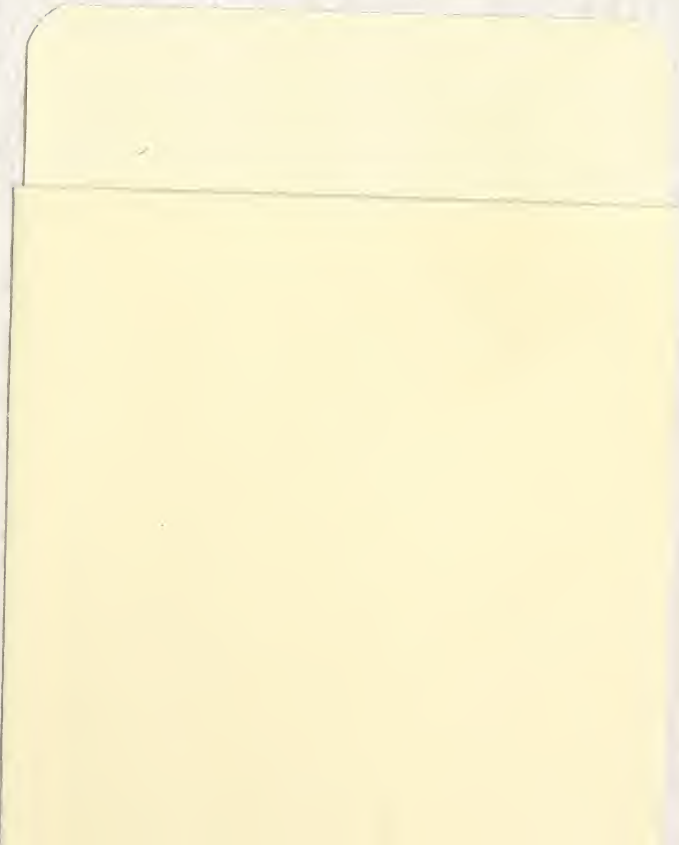
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